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'U' speaks of ending reciprocity

By Joel Runck
Statesman Staff Reporter

The border battle of tuition reciprocity has intensified: The University of Minnesota says it will halt reciprocity agreements with Wisconsin unless Wisconsinites pay in-state rates at U of M schools.

Tuition reciprocity between Minnesota and Wisconsin began in 1968 and was designed to allow Wisconsin residents to pay the same tuition they would at comparable Wisconsin universities and vice versa, according to the Associated Press. North and South Dakota partnered in reciprocity with Minnesota in the 1970s and Manitoba was the last to join in 1989, according to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (MNOHE).

U of M officials said that the current reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin costs \$6 million a year in lost tuition, according to the Associated Press.

"We lost \$185 million in state support four years ago as a system, and we still are not back to that level in terms of statewide funding," said Greg Fox, UMD vice chancellor of Financial Operations. "That's part of the reason that tuition went up over 40 percent during that period of time, to make up some of the difference."

A report by MNOHE reveals that for the 2006-2007 academic year, Wisconsin residents attending

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New Malosky Stadium

By Melissa Schmidt
Statesman Staff Reporter

Plans are taking shape to construct a new football stadium on-campus. The new stadium will be a renovation built on the same site as the existing Malosky Stadium.

The new Malosky Stadium project is in the design phase but is planned to begin this spring with the stadium being completed by next fall, according to Kyle "Bubba" Schweigert, head football coach.

The proposed project for the new stadium will not disturb the recently renovated football field and track, but the existing stadium around them will be demolished and rebuilt, said Schweigert.

The new Malosky Stadium will include seating for more than 6,000 spectators, a new press box, scoreboard, lighting system, new bathrooms and concession stands, according

to athletic director Bob Nielson.

Schweigert had positive things to say about the recent renovations in the athletic department. He said that the new addition of the 10,000-square-foot Sports and Health Center this past fall did much to recruit new athletes to UMD.

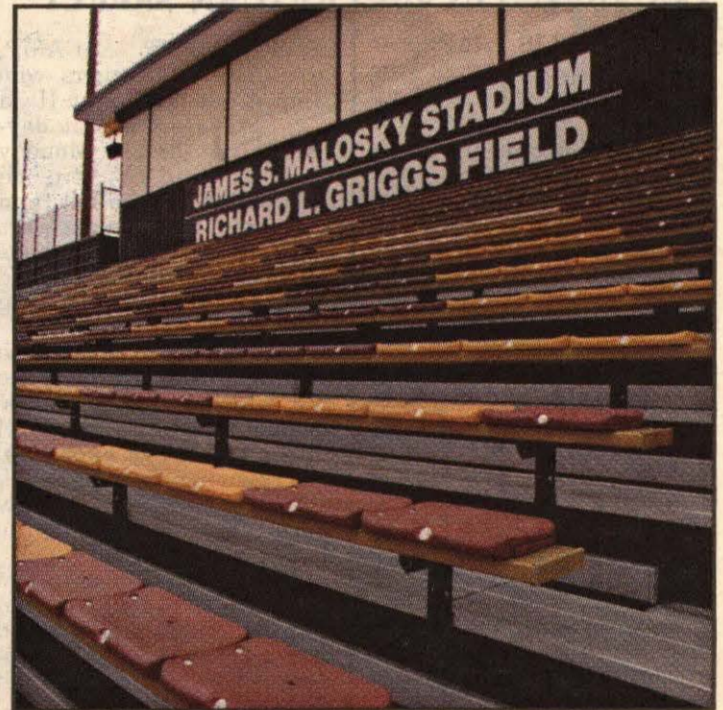
"I believe it helps in recruiting to not only have athletic facilities but training facilities as well," said Schweigert.

Schweigert said that the new Malosky Stadium would do the same thing for the athletic department if the university upgraded to a state-of-the-art new stadium.

"It's another thing to showcase the program," he said.

With plans to have the new Malosky Stadium completed and ready for use by fall of 2007, the building schedule

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JUSTIN SORENSON/STATESMAN

The current UMD Malosky Stadium is in the design phase and will be renovated this spring and ready for use by fall 2007.

Franken proving that politics and comedy mix in Minnesota

By Kathleen Grigg
Statesman Staff Reporter



CHAD BUSCH/STATESMAN

Al Franken greets people after speaking at the Duluth Labor Temple last Friday night.

Al Franken received a standing ovation from an estimated 800 people after walking into the crammed Wellstone Hall at the Duluth Labor Temple Friday night.

Earlier this week, Franken announced that he is running for the U.S. Senate for the Democratic Farmer Labor party (DFL). He has a diverse résumé, complete with comedian, Saturday Night Live skit writer, Air America Radio talk show host and author.

In traveling around Minnesota over the past year, Franken said he found out that the middle class story now is much different from when he was growing up near the Twin Cities.

"Families are squeezed, and it's healthcare, and it's education, and we've got to not be fighting like the Republicans for big pharmaceutical companies and big insurance companies," Franken said. "We've got to be fighting

for average Minnesotans."

Franken has been to Iraq four times on United Service Organization (USO) tours, entertaining troops overseas with stand up comedy.

He said it's the best thing he does all year. "I come out and I go, 'Boy, this army chow doesn't agree with me. So far I've had five MRE's (meals ready to eat), and none of them seem to have an exit strategy,'" Franken said.

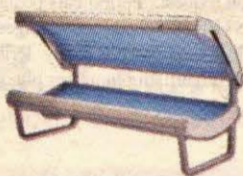
Franken said Minnesotans have a right to know that he's serious about his campaign. However, the comedian said he won't stop being himself on the campaign trail.

"Humor and satire especially have a way of getting to the nub of things in a way that normal politics don't," Franken said.

Franni Franken, who was traveling the campaign trail with her husband of 31 years, finds that humor can make politics more understandable but without making them

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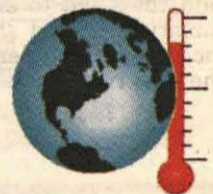
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NEWS NOW

FOOD STAMPS USE DROPS IN MN

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Nearly 40 percent of the Minnesotans who are eligible for federal food stamps aren't using them, in part because they aren't aware of the program, according to a report slated for release Tuesday.

That figure, which represents about 189,000 people, puts Minnesota in the bottom third of states in food stamp usage and deprives the state's economy of more than \$170 million a year in federal dollars, according to the report by the Legal Services Advocacy Project in St. Paul.

Many people don't know about food stamps while others are put off by cumbersome paperwork and logistics, the report said. For instance, recipients must fill out a 22-page general eligibility form and then file reports monthly.

The eligibility form, which will grow to more than 30 pages next year with new federal requirements, is "really daunting, particularly for seniors," said Colleen Moriarty, executive director of Hunger Solutions.

Hunger Solutions reported last fall that food-shelf usage doubled in five years in some northern Minnesota areas and increased by as much as 500 percent in some Twin Cities suburbs.

Legal Services and Hunger Solutions are slated to hold a news conference Tuesday at the Legislature to promote a package of bills to increase food shelf aid by 45 percent.

Legal Services and other recent studies have also shown that:

One in 10 Minnesotans said they or someone in their family went to bed hungry during one month because of a lack of money for food.

More than 40 percent of parents who use food shelves said they had to skip meals sometimes. Food shelf visits increased by 25 percent over the past two years.

THREE CLIMBERS RETURN SAFELY

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. (AP) — Rescuers who camped out on Mount Hood set out at daybreak Monday to try to reach three climbers who fell from a snowy ledge and were huddled in sleeping bags and cuddled with a dog amid ferocious wind and blowing snow.

Other rescue teams also were on the way to the site, which is believed to be around the 8,300-foot level on the 11,239-foot mountain. The rescuers, about 30 in all, were hoping to beat a snow storm expected later in the day.

The three climbers, two women and a man, fell on Sunday. They are believed to be good shape. Rescue officials were in frequent cell phone contact with them.

Teams had reached the general area earlier Monday, battling wind up to 70 mph, but decided to wait until daybreak because they couldn't see anything, Gubele said, and "it's extremely treacherous up where they are. One false step could be not good."

The three who fell were part of an eight-person party that set out on Saturday, camped on the mountain that night, and then began to come back down on Sunday when they ran into bad weather, officials said.

As they were descending, the three slipped off a ledge and fell about 100 feet. Someone in the party placed an emergency call to authorities.

The three had gotten into their sleeping bags to stay warm.

Sgt. Sean Collinson, a spokesman for the Clackamas County Sheriff's office, said the two women appeared to have suffered some bumps and bruises and their male companion is in good condition. He said all three "were in fairly good spirits when we talked to them on the phone."

NUCLEAR PLANT TO TAKE SHAPE

MOSCOW (AP) — The Iranian government has been slow in payments for a Russian-built nuclear power plant and the reactor's launch could be delayed, Russian officials said Monday. A top Iranian nuclear official swiftly denied payments had been disrupted and accused Russia of trying to prolong the launch.

The conflicting allegations were the latest sign of financial disputes dogging the deal at the center of Russia's nuclear cooperation with Iran.

Iran broke the schedule of payments this year under the \$1 billion contract to build the Bushehr nuclear plant, said a government official, who asked not be named because he was not authorized to speak to the media. He said the Iranians blamed the delay on the need to switch payments from dollars to euros.

Last year, Russia agreed to ship fuel to the plant in southern Iran by March 2007 and launch the facility in September, with electricity generation to start by November.

"The launch schedule definitely could be affected," Sergei Novikov, a spokesman for Russia's nuclear power agency, told The Associated Press.

But Mohammad Saeedi, the deputy head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, denied that Iran had been late making payments.

"Iran has had no delay whatsoever in making payments for the Bushehr nuclear power plant to the Russian ... company," Saeedi was quoted as saying by the news agency, IRNA.

The launching of the plant has been delayed for several years on what Russia has said are technical reasons. Last year, Russia agreed to ship fuel to the plant by March 2007 and launch the facility in September, with electricity generation to start by November.

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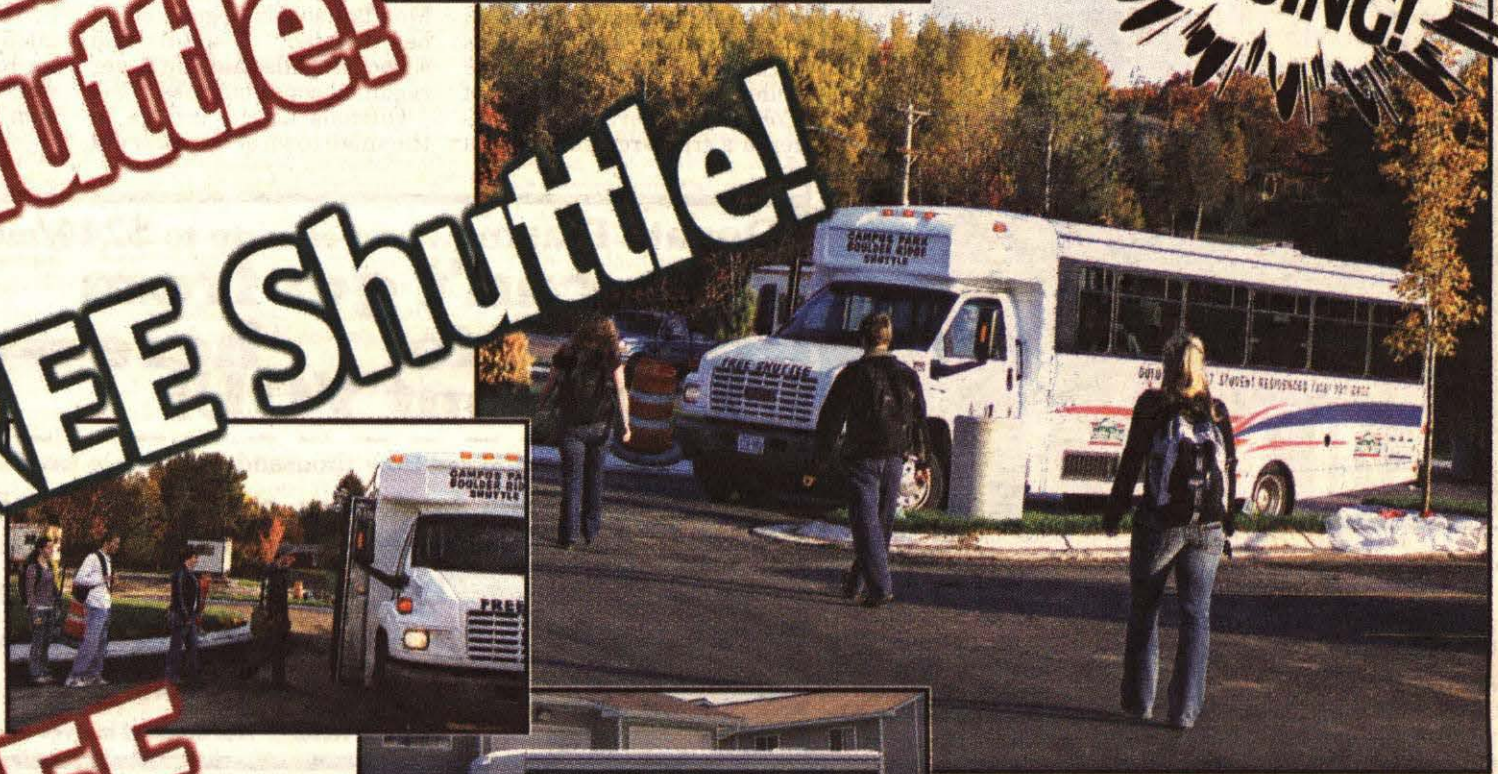
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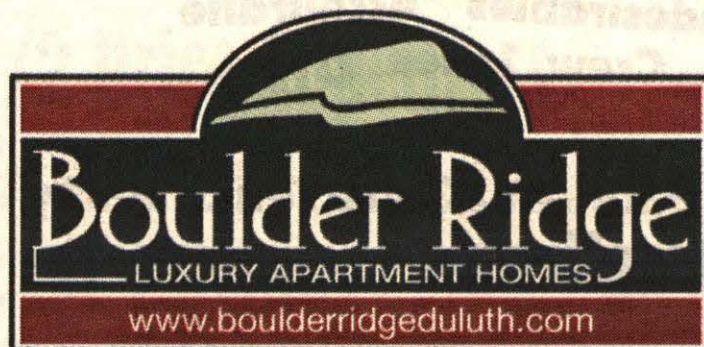
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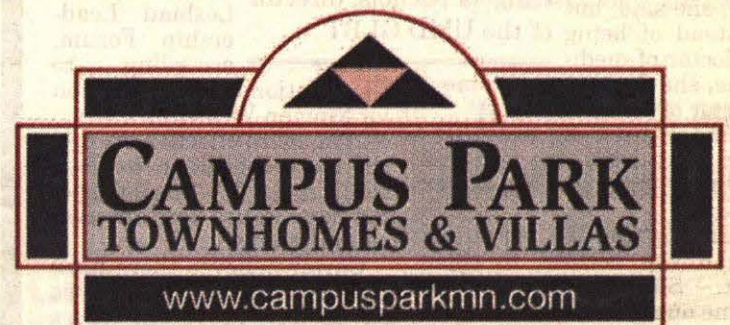
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Nationally recognized activist visits UMD



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Mandy Carter addresses crowd in Kirby ballroom last Thursday.

By Gina Wilken
Statesman Staff Reporter

Mandy Carter, one of the nation's leading African American lesbian activists, spoke to UMD students last Thursday in the Kirby Ballroom to discuss the issues of social justice.

Carter has been an activist for nearly 37 years. She has devoted most of her life to the social justice movement. She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in June 2005 as part of the 1,000 women for peace nominations and founded the National Black Justice Coalition.

Her life goal was to be a doctor, she said, but instead of being a doctor of medicine, she decided to become a doctor of social justice.

She realized she was different at an early age and this helped her choose her career path.

Carter was 18 years old when she decided to come out. She said she had to come out twice; the first time was to herself and the second to others.

The Queer and Allied Students Union (QASU) and the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) organizations sponsored this event, hoping to learn much from Carter.

"She is an example of who

we can be if we take a risk," said Angela Nichols, the director of the GLBT.

People can really relate to how she is able to use her words and examples, Nichols said.

Carter said she always tries to reach out to people.

"I want to pay attention to what's happening in different communities," said Carter.

She said she wants students to hear about what work is going on for these issues and to be able to have some hope for the future.

Carter is currently the National Field Director and board member of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, according to the National Organization for Women Web site.

"The more effective we are, the more opposition we get," said Carter. "To this day people have issues with interracial anything."

Carter believes there have been more positive responses by society in recent years than when she began her journey as an activist.

"I think it is no longer a question of if we are going to get this but when we are going to get it," said Carter.

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Wisconsin swimmer dies after fall

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A 2005 Wisconsin state swimming champion died after he fell in a dormitory bathroom at Kenyon College and struck his head, school officials said Monday.

Caleb Gottinger, 19, of Milwaukee, apparently fainted Saturday morning and tests at a medical center near the college 55 miles northeast of Columbus determined he suffered a fractured skull and a

hemorrhage, college spokesman Shawn Presley said.

Gottinger was declared brain dead Sunday morning after being transferred to Columbus' Riverside Methodist Hospital, and he remained on life support until early Monday so his organs could be donated, hospital and school officials said. He never regained consciousness.

Officials at the college in the small town of Gambier did

not know what caused Gottinger to faint, but said there was no evidence that alcohol or drugs were involved.

Gottinger, a standout swimmer at Milwaukee Riverside High School, won the Wisconsin state championship in the 200-yard freestyle in 2005. He also swam freestyle for Kenyon's team, which has won the past 27 NCAA Division III titles.

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Students tackle global warming issues

By Mariana Hingel
Statesman Staff Reporter

Students of an advanced graphic design class are developing a project about global warming. They are making videos, animations and posters that are going to be put on numerous Web sites for a class project.

The project, called a "Public Service Message for Climate Crisis," was developed after the students watched Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth" in their Graphic Design III class.

"The goals for the students in completing this project are to concentrate more on the content of the message and to think more closely about the audience," said professor and director Jennifer Gordon.

In groups of two students, five projects are being developed on issues of global warming. One of them talks about a recent discovery that the methane produced from cow gas contributes to 18 percent of the greenhouse gases.

"Our campaign consists of an almost-life-size cow that will travel to different parts of campus throughout next

week. Everyday it will be in a different location," said senior Angie Norvitch.

"We are also putting bumper stickers on the cow with facts," said junior Sarah Mennes.

"Be a Global Warming Super-Hero" is the title of another group. They created a series of illustrations of super heroes tackling the various issues of global warming. They plan to make posters and trading cards containing these messages to show high school students in the Duluth area.

All of the groups developed campaigns in which the purpose is to inform society about this issue and teach them what each one needs to do to help prevent it.

Junior John Kocon thought that he knew what global warming was, but he confessed that he didn't know much more about it.

"Global warming is serious, and the only way we can slow it down or stop it is if everyone can do their share to help," Kocon said. "After watching the documentary, I learned a lot, and now I try to do everything I can to help,

like simply turning off lights before going to bed or turning off your computer screen when you're not using it."

Kocon feels the other groups are also taking part in getting the word out to the college population, and he feels the information is very important to know.

"There could be the possibility that parts of the United States as well as other countries could flood and millions of people could someday be homeless, as well as many other environmental changes that could change everyone's lives," he said.

"Can I bike there instead," "Spring Break," "Winter Disappear" and "Save \$ Save" are the other campaigns that UMD students will be able to see on-campus next week.

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Juror collapses during trial, accused doctors rush to help

BOSTON (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Tuesday in a medical malpractice case brought by Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis after a juror collapsed and several doctors including the two defendants rushed to his aid.

The juror, an unidentified older man, began moaning as he listened to an expert testifying in defense of Massachusetts General Hospital surgeons Charles Ferguson and Richard Hodin. Weis claims they botched his care after gastric bypass surgery in June 2002.

The judge immediately ordered the other jurors out of the courtroom, but some saw Ferguson, Hodin and other doctors who were in the courtroom rush to the juror's aid.

An attorney for Weis said it was with "great reluctance" that he ask for the mistrial in the case that was expected to go to the jury Wednesday.

A lawyer for the doctors said a mistrial would be unfair to the surgeons, who had rearranged their schedules to accommodate Weis, who is in the offseason for football.

The juror collapsed while listening to the testimony of Dr. David Brooks, an expert who was saying the doctors acted responsibly in their treatment of Weis.

Spectators were ordered out of the courtroom shortly after the man fell ill. He was taken away in an ambulance; his condition and identity were not immediately known.

Weis accuses Ferguson and Hodin of acting negligently by failing to recognize life-threatening internal bleeding and infection after his surgery.

The trial, which featured testimony from Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, was entering its second week.

Spurlock consulted with both sets of lawyers and spoke to the jurors after the man fell ill. One juror said he did not know if he could put the incident out of his mind in his deliberations.

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Simpson's earnings to victims family

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A judge on Tuesday ordered that O.J. Simpson's income from past work in movies, television and commercials go directly to the family of murder victim Ron Goldman, but he rejected Simpson's earnings on future projects.

Simpson was acquitted in October 1995 of murder charges in the June 12, 1994, slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Goldman, but a civil court jury later held him liable for the killings in a wrongful death lawsuit and ordered him to pay \$33.5 million. Most of that debt remains unpaid.

Lawyers for both sides portrayed Tuesday's ruling on royalties or other earnings by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosen-

berg as a victory.

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said royalties Simpson he receives from past work for films such as the "Naked Gun" movies and the TV show "1st and Ten" amount to almost nothing.

"Last year Simpson's royalty checks from all of his movies were less than 39 cents," Galanter said.

"They got kicked to the curb again," he added. "Every door they're banging on gets slammed."

However, Goldman attorney David J. Cook said the ruling on past royalties was a step in the right direction, indicating the family would seek to determine what Simpson's royalties really amount to.

"We presume there is money and we're not going to take their word for it," Cook said.

Rosenberg deferred ruling on a third request by the Goldmans, to collect any advance money Simpson may have received for the book and TV show "If I Did It." He scheduled a hearing on the matter for March 13.

The "If I Did It" project, in which Simpson was to explain how he might have committed the killings, was abandoned amid public outrage. Simpson, who maintains his innocence, has said he took part in the project to secure his children's financial future and that his advance for the project has already been spent.

Basketball player faces drunk driving charges

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — University of Illinois basketball player Jamar Smith was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident, authorities said.

Smith, a sophomore guard, was driving a 1996 Lexus last Monday night when it struck a tree in heavy snow. He then drove the car a little more than a mile to the apartment complex where he lived.

University officials said bystanders called 911 after seeing the badly damaged car in the parking lot, with Smith's passenger, teammate Brian Carlwell, still inside.

Carlwell suffered a severe concussion and spent four days at Carle Foundation

Hospital Urbana before being released last Friday. He sat on the bench at a home game against Northwestern on Sunday, and could play in the postseason, basketball Coach Bruce Weber has said.

Smith was treated at the same hospital for a minor concussion and released the morning of Feb. 13.

Smith's only previous traffic infraction was a 2004 citation for failure to give a stop or turn signal, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

The car he was driving was registered to his grandparents.



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the U of M Twin Cities pay about \$1,200 less in tuition than in-state residents. As for UMD, Minnesota residents pay approximately \$1,700 more than Wisconsin natives.

"The reason why the rate is different in Minneapolis...is already in the agreement," said Fox. "A Wisconsin student that attends the Twin Cities campus pays an additional 25 percent surcharge on that Wisconsin tuition rate in order to attend the university."

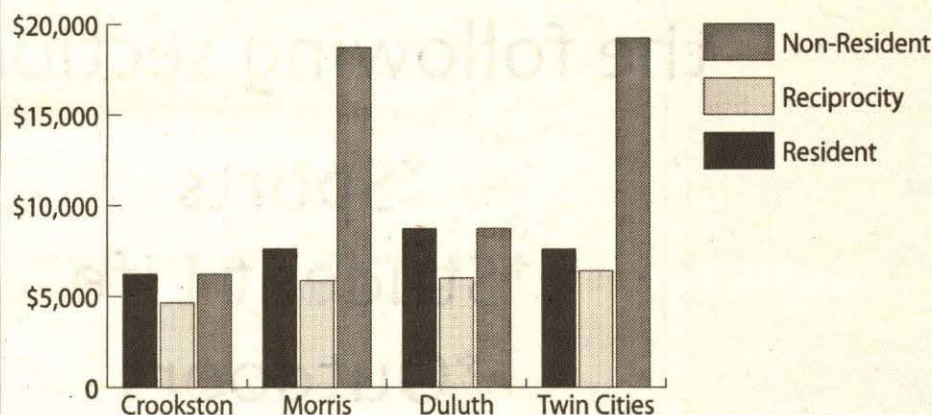
For the 2005-2006 school year, the State of Minnesota covered 3 percent of student and state tuition reciprocity costs, while the State of Wisconsin paid 14 percent, according to MNOHE.

Last academic year, about 14,000 Minnesotans and more than 11,000 Wisconsin residents went across the Minnesota-Wisconsin border for college, according to MNOHE.

Many Minnesota residents are upset that they do not receive greater tuition benefits from reciprocity programs.

"It should be even considering that I'm a resident here and my boyfriend is a Wisconsin resident and he pays less than me," said third-year student Calli Bright. "I don't think we should have Wisconsin paying more,

Minnesota-Wisconsin Tuition Reciprocity
Minnesota Tuition Rates: 2006-2007



Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education

I think Minnesota's tuition should be lower."

Other students don't approve of the fact that Wisconsin students pay less tuition in Minnesota but acknowledge a need for reciprocity.

"It's annoying, but eventually you'll need more students here to pay the bills," said junior Jonn Bodde.

Across state lines, officials at the University of Wisconsin said the reciprocity deal is keeping post-secondary education affordable.

"It's been a big benefit in both

states," said Mark Bradley, vice president of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents. "If you take the long view... students in either state have had access to two premier quality institutions."

Minnesota residents pay more than \$1,500 at the UW Madison than Wisconsin residents. However, Bradley said reciprocity rates are outside UW control and that the State of Wisconsin governs the reciprocity program on the other side of the boarder.

"The Board of Regents, on the Wis-

consin side at least, have nothing to do with the reciprocity program," said Bradley. "We didn't create it, we didn't authorize; we don't administer it."

UMD fourth-year student and Wisconsin native Brooke Beeksma acknowledged that reciprocity has aided her educational expenses, but it wasn't a deciding factor to attend a Minnesota university.

"Obviously I knew that I could get lower tuition rates," she said. "That helped influence my decision, but Minnesota-Duluth was closer to my hometown."

Despite differences, officials on both sides of the border are lobbying for reciprocity agreements to remain intact.

"We (the U of M) believe in the long-run that the fairest system is that when you have reciprocity, the incoming student never pays less than the in-state tuition rate of the state that's accepting that student," said Fox.

Fox also said the U of M would prefer to see gradual increases in tuition rates directed towards Wisconsin residents over the course of a few years.

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less serious.

"It makes discussing political issues more accessible to people by framing in a different way through humor," she said.

UMD alumni Emily Dockendorf said she admires Franken's comedy and political work and agrees with many of the issues he is advocating. Like Franken said at the gathering, she also would like to see universal health-care because she believes that it should be a right instead of a privilege.

"It's about working as a community and solving the problems. And if we don't, the world, the future, is going to be really, really tough," Dockendorf said. "So that's why I came tonight."

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will be tight, according to Nielson.

However, the athletic department is optimistic that the plans will come together nicely, he said.

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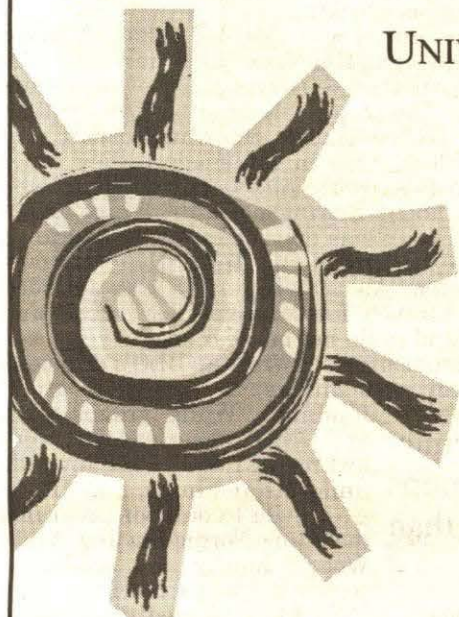
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Our View

If state Senator Scott Dibble gets his way, Minnesota may soon become the newest state to add cell phone legislation to its books. Dibble's proposed bill, similar to one Representative Frank Hornstien is pushing through the house, would double the fine of any traffic violation if the violator is caught using their cell phone during the incident.

Dibble said the idea for the proposed piece of legislation came from an 8th-grader; one might say the logic supporting the bill reflects that. While Dibble and Hornstien's intentions may sell well during re-election campaigns, the actual effect of such legislation will merely scratch the surface of the very thing it aims to prevent: Traffic accidents. Furthermore, as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Minnesota has said, it will restrict the liberties of Minnesota drivers.

"My response to the ACLU and other's that make such claims is that here is an opportunity for us to easily do something about what we know is a problem," said Senator Dibble, in a telephone interview. "We can very easily forgo talking on the phone while driving; we know that."

Mr. Dibble fails to realize that in today's day of cell phones, computers, pagers, etc., our families, loved ones and coworkers expect more from us. Millions of people use their cell phones while driving every day. This is the result of the world we have and continue to create. For example, the middle class commuter Dad who

battles 2 hours of daily rush hour traffic, the struggling single mother attempting to support her children... these people cannot so easily cast aside what they use everyday to help manage their hectic lives, mostly without causing an accident. There will always be acts that can be cause for traffic accidents. Use of the car radio, passenger interaction, eating while driving, signs/billboards and more will continue to be unfortunate hazards on the roadway.

If Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstien were truly seeking to make our highways safer, then, they might tighten up the still poorly enforced, but already legislated, DWI/DUI system.

If that isn't enough, there are several factors that make the proposed legislation nearly useless. To start with, because the law would not actually ban the use of cell phones and it's likely to discourage few from using them due to the already mentioned reasons, traffic accidents should hardly be expected to decrease. Also, because the bill lacks any distinction between hands held and hands free devices, it could make observation by law enforcement almost impossible.

Here is the brilliance of our legislators at work. Proposed law, incited by an 8th-grader, which aims to prevent traffic accidents but instead is hardly enforceable and further restrictive of the already dwindling freedoms we have as Americans. When's the next election?

SA funding bias in disbursement

Josh Newville
Statesman Staff Writer

Over the past five years tuition and fee costs have almost doubled in the state of Minnesota. One would hope this startling piece of information would be enough to ensure that everybody involved in determining how fee money is spent is being as responsible as possible in that process. Unfortunately, that is not the case when it comes to UMD's Student Association (SA). Every semester students at UMD are charged, on top of tuition, with a Student Service Fee (SSF). Every full-time student pays \$462.16 per year towards the fee, according to the Financial Aid and Registrar's Web site. The funds largely go to such things as Health Services and the Kirby Student Center, but also to minority groups and improvement funds that vary year to year.

From the SSF, \$34,000 goes to SA, according to SA budget documents provided by President Meghan Keil. SA is then responsible for distributing \$20,500 of that money to student groups on campus who do not already receive funding from the SSF. The Budget, Loans and Grants (BLG) committee of SA has been delegated that task. The BLG allocates approximately \$10,000 per semester to the various groups interested in receiving funding.

The committee accepts applications from the groups, holds interviews with them and decides on funding by voting first as a committee and then at Congress, according to BLG Committee Chair Chris Fleck.

When the process unfolded this fall, a SA member with a clear conflict of interest was allowed to be on the committee. Kristin Wahlund, a member of Greek Life, was an active, vocal and voting participant in deciding how much money each group received. While Fleck and Keil contend that Wahlund's involvement with the committee should not be seen as a conflict of interest, two things may suggest otherwise.

The BLG must come to a unanimous agreement before presenting the proposals to Congress, according to Keil. If such is the case, that effectively gives Wahlund the power to veto any recommendation she does not find adequate. Furthermore, when one analyzes how the funds were awarded last fall, the numbers are startling.

Of the 36 groups that applied for funding, four Greek organizations on campus received over 26 percent of the funds, according to the Fall 2006 BLG allocations document. Over \$2,600 of the \$10,000 total went to only four

groups, some of which already charge their members \$600 per year each just to be in their fraternity or sorority. Subjectively, this could have at least an appearance of a conflict of interest. Considering the amount awarded, it should not be overlooked.

The reasons for the Greek organizations applying for and being awarded the funds are just as shocking.

One sorority was awarded \$635 to be used towards one-time-use breathalyzers the group will then sell during alcohol awareness week. The disposable breathalyzers will be made for key-chains, according to Wahlund and Fleck. One might suggest they could give a false sense of security to those who think about driving after drinking. Also, a fraternity was awarded over \$1,200 to go towards paintball and Texas Hold-em tournaments. Another fraternity was awarded over \$460.50 for reasons Fleck, Keil and Wahlund could not be clear on.

Another problem with the BLG's decisions involves academic vs. non-academic group funding. While groups such as UMD cheerleaders were awarded \$1,500 to use towards uniforms and mats, and \$1,000 was given to outdoor programs including Nordic Ski and Wuda Wooch, hardly any academic-centered groups received more than \$400. Added up, roughly 60 percent of the total funds were given to groups not academically-based. Interestingly enough, those groups only constitute 35-40 percent of the total number of groups applying for funds, according to Fall 2006 BLG allocations documents. The problems with the BLG's awarding of the SSF funds do not stop there.

The committee enforces a policy that groups are only allowed half of their budget to be awarded from SA. While the policy may have had good intentions, what it is effectively doing is restricting money for the small academic-based groups that have smaller budgets and less fund-raising power while giving money to groups that already have larger budgets and greater ability to raise funds from other sources.

This Monday the BLG received over 40 applications for spring funding and began discussing their merits, according to Fleck.

Let us hope that this time around SA is more conscientious of any possible conflicts of interest, the reasons they are allocating funds and the rules they use to govern that process. This is in fact our money.

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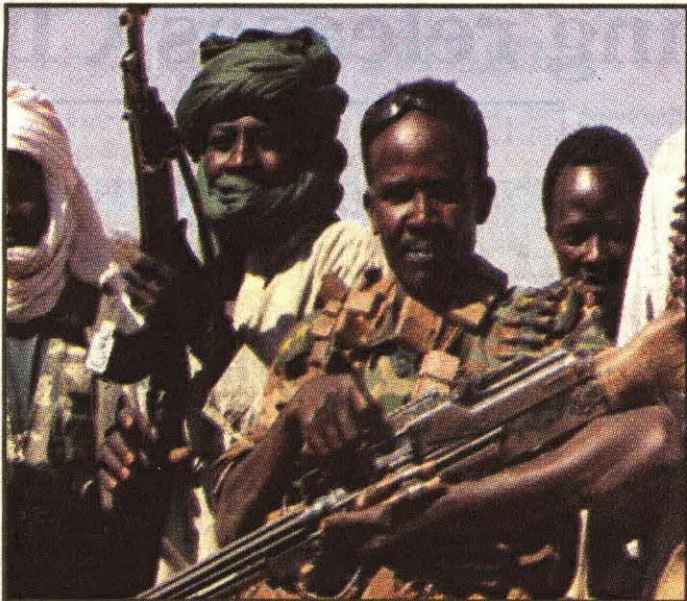
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Sudan Liberation Army members by the Chad-Sudan border.

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Refugees shown after crossing from Sudan to Chad.

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Genocide: an enigma of humanity

By Vlady Messing
Statesman Staff Writer

It's quite easy being a middle class college student in Duluth, Minn. Fine place, fantastic music and art, good people, delicious lager and potent herbs, an endless sea we call a lake and a soaring outlook inspired by youth itself.

It's funny I mentioned potent herbs just earlier. The term "Junjaweed" is a word used to describe armed gunmen in Darfur, Sudan. The U.N. defines them as nomadic Arab tribes who've long been at odds with Darfur's settled non-Arabic Muslim farmers; both groups quarreling for land, water and political supremacy. Unlike what we're used to, "Junjaweed" doesn't offer peace and artistic inspiration but rather merciless death. Nearly four decades of militia warfare has led to the deaths of perhaps 400,000 people and the exile of over two million villagers in the Darfur region of Sudan. Precise statistics are not, and perhaps cannot be, known. These are based upon an account of the U.N.

Explaining this conflict is no easy task, especially if one aims to do it objectively. One can attempt this by exploring first the political struggle for power from both sides of the quarrel, and second, the countless failed diplomatic attempts at resolving this crisis, but this would not be a valid explanation. We don't really know why genocide happens—history, philosophy, psychology, etc... all pointless. There are certain things about ourselves that we cannot know. We are epic and fragile creatures. What is peace? What is war? We find glory in war. Bloodshed is justified as a necessary means to a glorious end, which will peak

its sunny face around the corner, and all will see that the innocent did not die in vain. That is how the Iraq war is justified, by the future.

In any war, both sides believe their ideology to be valid. How do we choose who is right? Perhaps we cannot. So then the question becomes: How do we end war and the atrocities that compliment it? The solutions we see are subjective; therein lies the problem.

What do we do about Sudan, and do we as citizens of humanity have a moral responsibility to save the people of Darfur as well as one another? The answer is, Yes, we do. The question is, how?

How after all are we to save one another if it is we who harm one another to begin with? We are as much the problem as the solution. After all, we are merely humans. The Darfur conflict is an enigma that represents the struggle and paradox of humanity.

However, there is an answer. Open eyes, open minds, open ears and open hearts. Let us accept one another. Let us express neither sympathy nor pity, but understanding. Let us not judge and criticize, but be aware and provide necessary support to those in need. Let us keep our heads up and remain involved with issues concerning humanity; the Darfur conflict affects us as well, though we may not see the effects right away. In whichever way we so choose, when we help the people of Darfur, or anyone for that matter, we are also helping ourselves.

When we choose not to help, and when we choose to do harm, we also harm ourselves.

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Darfurian genocide crisis calls for immediate action

Brian Peltier
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Raped, burned, murdered, starving...

These are just a few words to describe what it is like to be black in Darfur, which has over time become more influenced into a view of Arab supremacy and to experience the conflicts that come of it. This is a serious matter of human rights, something we as a nation are supposed to uphold... right?

As our country is concentrated on the current events in Iraq, alternative energy resources and more of our own concerns, families, in Darfur, Sudan, are praying that they will make it through the night, that they'll someday reunite with their loved ones who have been evacuated

to a refugee camp. The best they can hope for is to be evacuated to a refugee camp and the worst, being murdered.

As the situation continues to get worse in Darfur, many outside of the region don't even know or care to acknowledge that there is genocide occurring in Africa similar to what occurred a little over 10 years ago in Rwanda.

A four-year conflict between the Sudanese government and the rebels involved has left the citizens of Darfur caught in the middle. With some estimating a death count of nearly 400,000 and over 2 million displaced from their homes, the genocide in Darfur should not go unnoticed. Although many, including our own government, acknowledge that genocide is occurring, too

many choose not to act, not to speak out against something that is so blatantly wrong—something that we ourselves have pledged to prevent.

With the holocaust in the '40s and Rwanda in the '90s, we've seen situations of genocide occur, and then too, we were silent. We have been silent for too long. While we're all going about our lives, peacefully ignoring what's going on in Darfur, many Darfurians will be raped, tortured, separated from their families and even murdered today.

While the U.N. is trying to get troops into Darfur, the limited African Union (A.U.) is doing what little they can to help the situation. But without adequate weapons, armor or enough soldiers, the A.U. simply cannot stop or retain the conflict and genocide occurring in Sudan. The

U.N. has been ready to send troops; however, President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan has rejected the U.N.'s efforts to help. The people of Darfur—the young and innocent children, the pregnant mothers and the single women worry each day about being raped and murdered, their dignity being taken away while the Sudanese government stands back—need our help.

Their government is the main problem; they're doing as little as possible to deter the genocide in Darfur while instead only escalating the problem by not allowing international forces to help. The situation in Darfur will only get worse if there isn't intervention soon.

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Arts & Entertainment

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UMD student Dave Mehling releases CD

By Ron Parpart
Statesman Staff Reporter

Focusing this entire review on the recycled fact that local musician Dave Mehling's songs sound like they're coming from someone twice his age would be an easy way out, but that's the entirely wrong way to approach his music. Instead, it should be looked at for what it really is: inventive folk music that's sometimes catchy and almost always grabs your attention.

The CD cover of Dave Mehling's most recent release, "How Do I Make You Lonesome?" appropriately calls his music "melodic indie rock."

The opening track, "Idaho," sounded vaguely familiar. Besides the fact that I've probably heard this song played live by Mehling before, it sounds like something I'd expect from a Gavin DeGraw song. This was soon put to rest once the vocals and the remainder of the band kicked in. Mehling's voice sometimes wavers but he manages to pull this off without any underlying sense of uncertainty, like a story teller who's confident in their every line.

While "Idaho" has an undeniable pop quality, "How Do I Make You Lonesome?" as a whole can't be lumped into the mass of musicians

that make up the pop genre. The CD's title track pushes a theme of originality by throwing the listener through not one loop but two.

The song starts out at a slower pace with a personal feel and just when you think the song would erupt into a faster paced sing along, it doesn't. Eventually it comes around when you'd think the track would be over. At the height of its intensity, a lone bass line turns it into a bluesy sing and clap along.

Not all the songs go through this many changes. Some are just examples of good songwriting. On MySpace (myspace.com/davemehling) Mehling calls himself a mix between Damien Rice and Ryan Adams.

The ending of "Everyone You Know" takes the defeated tone the track has made you used to and spins it into an intense full-volume band testament to learning lessons through loss and possible betrayal of those you least expected to be capable of such things. The upbeat, loud ending then gives way to the next track "Tremble," which sounds just as the name would suggest, then throws the biting sound of an electric guitar into the mix, and goes out just the way it came in.

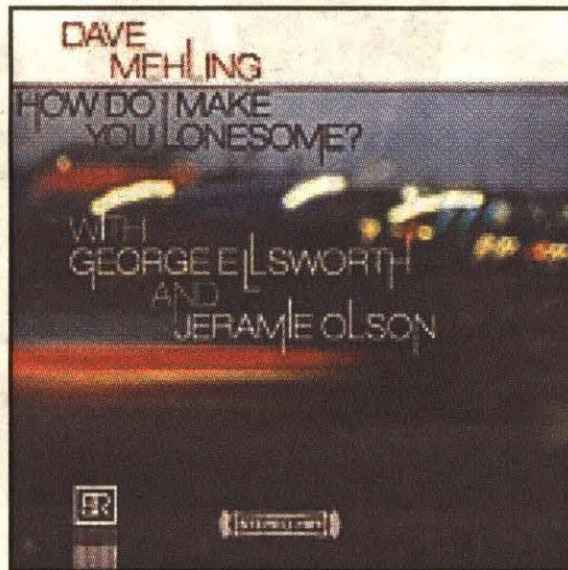
One song that really stuck out from the others was "Mrs. Robinson," which actually has a Ben Folds Five

sound to it. It's heavy on the piano and bass with minor drum accents. Although it's down tempo sound, it has an oddly uplifting aspect, which could be reinforced with the chorus' lyrics.

What I really like about this song is the uplifting sound mixed with the almost sinister lyrics. I saw this song live when Mehling opened up for Limbeck at the Kirby Rafters. Even without the bass and percussion present, it was still surprising how he was able to mix the sound and subject matter that you wouldn't normally find in the same song.

"How Do I Make You Lonesome?" sounds like all your favorite pop folk songs with three things added to them that so many others lack; creativity, substance and the ability to keep you interested in what will happen next.

This album is good, and it's hard to not picture Mehling musically going beyond what "How Do I Make You Lonesome?" has to offer, which is already quite a bit. If you're inter-



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Mehling, a UMD student released his CD on Feb. 16.

ested in looking up more about Mehling or where you can get his CD you can check out his MySpace: myspace.com/davemehling or his Web site at davemehling.com.

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TECHFEST lets students a display their technological triumphs

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

Technology, innovative ideas, robotics and free stuff; TECHFEST is approaching and Information Technology Services and Systems (ITSS) is in pursuit of participants and attendance.

This annual event that has been taking place at UMD since 1998. The event is an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to showcase their inventive uses of technology within the education community.

"TECHFEST shows the UMD campus community what everyone is doing in technology," said Sheri Pihlaja, ITSS associate and TECHFEST coordinator. "It's been a really popular event. Every year we get new entries from the Library, ITSS and ECE (Electrical and Computer engineering program)."

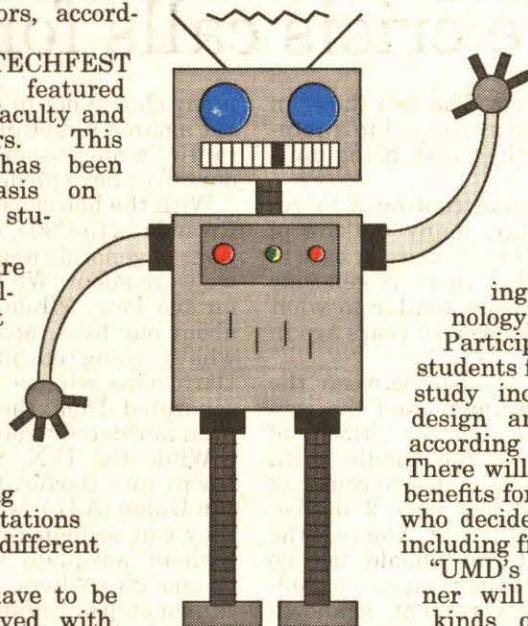
In the past, most entries have been submitted from faculty, staff and student projects. Last years TECHFEST had the best attendance

to date, with an estimated 1,000 spectators, according to Pihlaja.

Previously TECHFEST has typically featured entries from faculty and staff members. This year there has been major emphasis on getting more student entries.

"Students are more than welcome to just come, but they need to know this is open to them as well," said Pihlaja. "We are just trying to get presentations that are new, different and exciting."

You don't have to be actively involved with the technology community to participate in



TECHFEST. It is open to anyone who is interested in the ways technology can be used to better education or for anyone who has knowledge and innovative ideas surrounding the use of technology.

Participants can be students from all types of study including graphic design and art majors, according to Pihlaja. There will also be several benefits for those students who decide to participate; including free meals.

"UMD's Computer Corner will also have all kinds of door prizes. In past years they've given upwards of 50 or

more prizes; like all-in-one printers, computer software and ipods," said Pihlaja. "In past years, we have had people come specifically for the t-shirt, but walk out hours later saying, 'That was the coolest thing ever,'" said Pihlaja. "The technology HUB will also have a very large presence at the TECHFEST and these guys are unbelievable." Booths from previous years have included everything from information on computer care and website design to full on robot wars.

The TECHFEST will be taking place on Friday, March 30 in the Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To check out past entries, photos from previous years, or to submit your proposal check out the TECHFEST website at www.d.umn.edu/itss/etrg/techfest or contact Sheri Pihlaja at spihlaja@d.umn.edu. The deadline for proposal entries will be Friday, March 9.

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'Hannibal Rising'... Reviewed

By Amber Vesel
Statesman Staff Reporter

Hannibal Lecter: Some love him, others hate him, but nobody really seems to know him. This is the basis for "Hannibal Rising," **REVIEW** the fourth installment, of the series following the travails of Hannibal Lecter, which include "The Silence of the Lambs," "Red Dragon" and "Hannibal." The movie chronicles the life of a young Hannibal from childhood to his college years.

Because the movie revolves around his younger years, the staple actor, Anthony Hopkins, is missing-in-action. "Hannibal Rising" includes performances by Aaron Thomas, who portrays an 8-year-old Hannibal Lecter, and Gaspard Ulliel, who plays a teenage Hannibal. Also playing a major part in the movie is Li Gong who acts as Hannibal's aunt and true love.

While the movie is an obvious necessity to

any fan of the past movies, this particular film keeps all forms of newcomers to the serious in the dark. For those of you that have seen the past films, the movie is every bit as macabre as its companions. However, it is important to note that for those who are weak of stomach, this is definitely not the movie for you.

Overall, the movie provides an interesting plotline; however, some may feel that the ties between this movie and its counterparts are not completely clear in some ways. If you are looking for a horror film, this is a film for you.

"Hannibal Rising" was released to theaters on Feb. 9 and is still there for an unknown amount of time.

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Weekly Five

By John Brosius
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1. "Rain on the Brain" by Marty Casey & Lovehammers "Self Titled EP"

2006

Epic Records

You might have caught on to these guys if you watched the show "Rock Star: INXS" earlier in 2006. They were named runner up, but INXS liked them so much that they invited them on their tour and got a record deal anyway. "Rain on the Brain" is a guitar driven tune with great vocals to emphasize the octave chords used during the chorus. Definitely keep your eyes open for these guys.

2. "Seventy Times Seven" by Brand New "Your Favorite Weapon"

2001

Triple Crown Records

Brand New is by no means a brand new band. They have been holding down the punk/quasi-emo scene for years. They just released a new album in 2006, but I still listen to one of their first, "Your Favorite Weapon." "Seventy Times Seven," in my opinion, is the ultimate break up song. If you are pissed off at a girl/guy for breaking your heart, you have my word that this song will make you feel better.

3. "Momentum" by The Hush Sound "So Sudden"

2005

Decaydence Records

This band is about as fresh as it gets. Formed by two of the members when they were in junior high, they have recently been signed to Decaydence Records, the label held by Fall Out Boy's front man Pete Wentz. Infusing classical piano influences with a little rock guitar, The Hush Sound is nothing that should be kept hushed.

4. "De La Souls" by P.O.S. "Audition"

2006

Rhymesayers Entertainment

I must say that I am a little biased towards this artist simply because he is one of my favorite rappers. After seeing his live shows more times than I can count on one hand, I have nothing but respect for him. "De La Souls" is a song basically about his life with a optimistic outlook. Make sure you don't miss P.O.S. I will keep you posted on his next show at Pizza Lucé.

5. "Use Me" by Pepper "In With the Old"

2005

Volcom Entertainment

Yes, I know, my love for ska/dub music is coming through in my selections, but you can't argue with a band like Pepper. After seeing them live, I have 10 times the amount of respect for them. This song is sure to please, and you don't have to like reggae to enjoy it.

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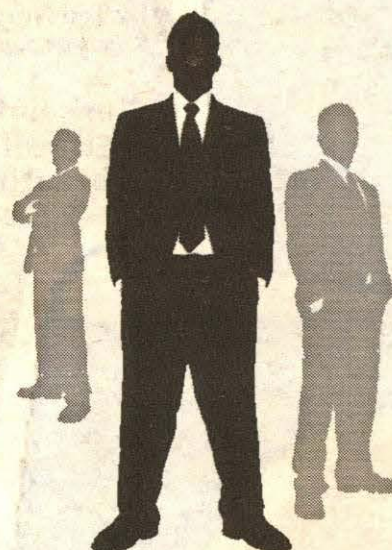
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Tanning: Hazardous & Beneficial

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Reporter

It seems that before you even get to catch your breath it's well into

second semester, which naturally means spring break is right around the corner. For

varying reasons, UMD students take advantage of this week off from classes to do some traveling, particularly to warm sunny destinations. In preparation for their vacation in the sun, students are patronizing local tanning salons in hopes of getting the perfect tan while in the sun.

When it

comes to tanning there are two basic categories for Web sites. For it or against it. Dawn Johnson, owner of AJ's Tanning Salon in Duluth is for tanning.

"Tanning is a natural part of life," said Johnson. "It's called heliotherapy, which is the positive effects of the sun. As long as you tan in moderation and don't burn your skin, it can be very positive for you."

Some of the positive effects from tanning include a stimulation of vitamin D, which help combat seasonal affective disorder (SAD) by producing serotonin. It can also provide a protective layer to your skin to help keep it from burning while on vacation, according to Johnson.

She believes that tanning, especially the indoor tanning industry, has been getting a bad rap from the medical community. The issue really surfaces during this time of year when the vacation season starts heating up, and people begin to tan in mass to prepare for a vacation in the sun.

Sharon Anderson, UMD Health Services Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner, has a different opinion when it

comes to tanning.

"There are certainly risks associated with over tanning," said Anderson. "Increasing your cumulative amount of sun exposure increases your risk for developing skin cancer, which is on the rise worldwide. It can also cause damage to the eyes if they are not properly protected, and it can also cause allergic reactions in some people, causing damage to the blood vessel structure under the skin."

It's understandable why these two have a difference of opinion. If there is something they both agree on, it's that anything done in excess can have negative consequences.

"There's no difference between burning in a tanning booth and burning on the beach in Mexico," said Anderson. "They both still add to your total sun exposure, which increases your chances of skin cancer."

That's not to say Anderson completely disagrees with tanning. If you are going on vacation in a sunny area, tanning ahead of time can reduce your risk of getting sun burned.

"Be careful to not burn while you're on vacation," said Anderson. "If you're wearing 30 SPF

sun block all the time and not adding to your overall tan, then you're probably not increasing your risk. If you tan ahead of time and then increase your tan or even get burnt while on vacation, then you've just multiplied your risks."

Tanning before a vacation is not necessarily the medical community's largest concern when it comes to the tanning industry.

"I have greater concern for the people who are tanning two or three times a week 52 weeks out of the year than I do for the people who are going to tan a couple of times before they go on vacation," said Anderson.

Johnson recognizes that there are certain times of the year that this issue causes a commotion.

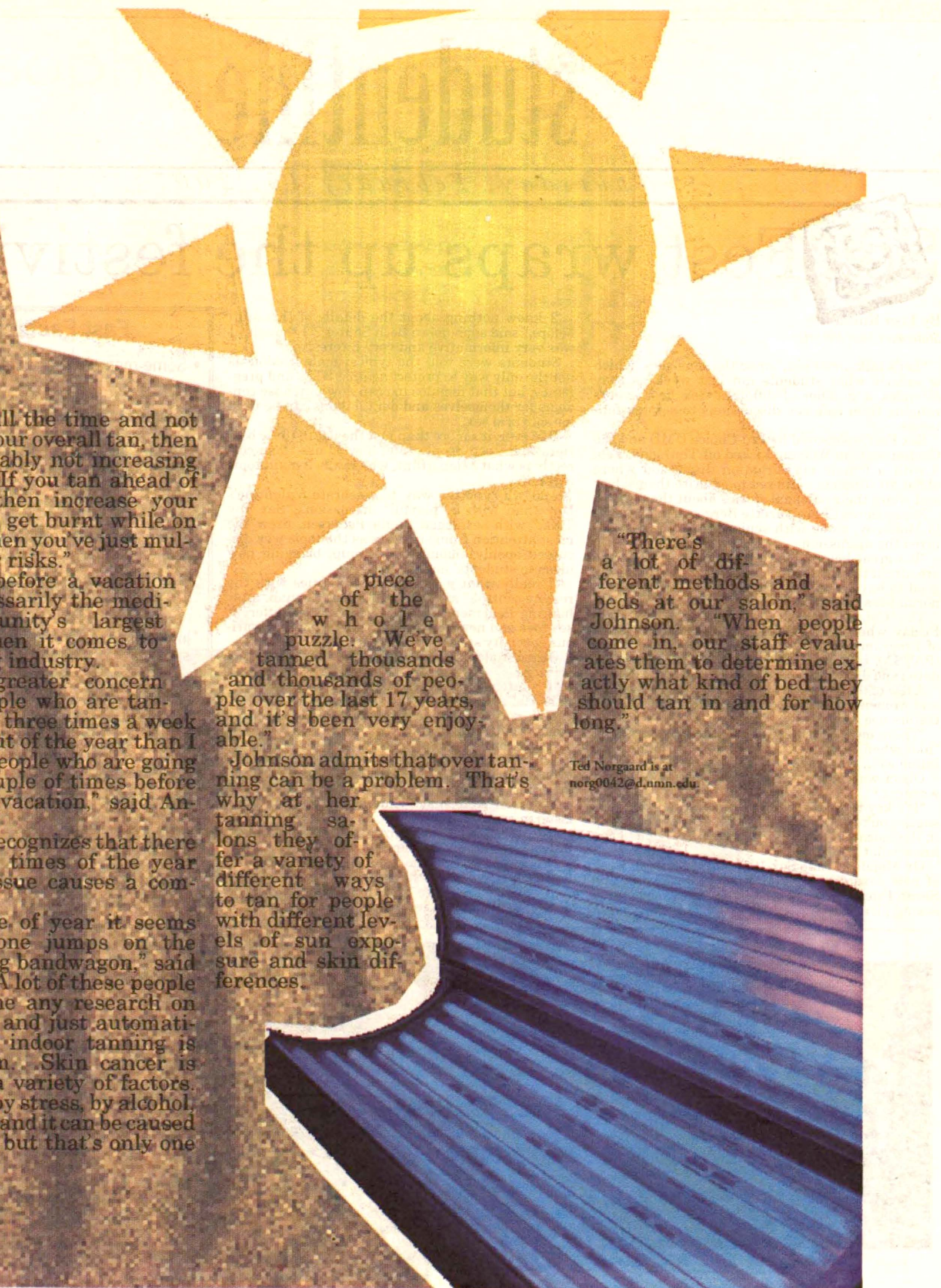
"This time of year it seems that everyone jumps on the anti-tanning bandwagon," said Johnson. "A lot of these people haven't done any research on the subject and just automatically think indoor tanning is the problem. Skin cancer is caused by a variety of factors. It's caused by stress, by alcohol, by smoking and it can be caused by the sun, but that's only one

piece of the whole puzzle. We've tanned thousands and thousands of people over the last 17 years, and it's been very enjoyable."

Johnson admits that over tanning can be a problem. That's why at her tanning salons they offer a variety of different ways to tan for people with different levels of sun exposure and skin differences.

"There's a lot of different methods and beds at our salon," said Johnson. "When people come in, our staff evaluates them to determine exactly what kind of bed they should tan in and for how long."

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studentlife

Thursday, February 15, 2007



Sex Fest wraps up the festivities

By Lisa Kunkel
Statesman Staff Reporter

"Let's talk about sex," or so the song goes, which is exactly what students did last week as they attended a number of different Sex Fest events ranging from safe sex discussions to sex toy fantasies.

Sex Fest, sponsored by Pro-Choice UMD and the Commission on Women, kicked off Thursday, Feb. 8 with a female masturbation discussion where about 20 students gathered to educate themselves and share their personal stories about the topic.

Sophomores Chere Suzette Bergeson and Michaela Mahoney, along with senior Laura Field, organized the discussion.

"It's great being able to talk about stuff people are afraid to talk about," said Field. "It's definitely good to have people aware of what's out there. It normalizes sexuality."

The "Consent and Alcohol" discussion took place Friday where Beth Olson, the associate director of Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA), informed students on alcohol's use as a date rape drug.

A few of the main topics discussed were how men and women use alcohol differently and how perpetrators use alcohol.

"There have been a lot of questions," said Olson, "like when both men and women are under the influence... when is it rape?"

Olson was able to answer the question with a warning.

"It's key to know that you understand the messages you're sending," she said. "People wake up in the morning saying 'I was so drunk, I don't even know what happened.'"

On Monday, "Safe Sex 101" started a fresh week of new sexual topics. Melissa Franckowiak and Sarah Fries welcomed students to the world of safe sexual pleasures.

"I knew nothing about the details of this stuff before," said sophomore Beth Souter. "I thought it was very informative and very interesting."

Students were told the typical male condom is not the only way to protect against STI's and pregnancy, but that females too can now purchase condoms for themselves and dental dams can be used for safe oral sex.

However, it's more than just the use of these barriers that keep people safe; how to use them correctly is what's important, which was a main topic covered.

And what better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a "playful" discussion? "Sex Toy Talk," with sexologist Paula Pedersen, drew the most attention from students as the topic was discussed openly amongst the group, bringing new ideas to students' minds.

"I really want a pair of those panties with the remote control," said senior Bridget Noonan, after hearing Pedersen introduce some of the different sex toys and new devices that can be found in various specialty stores.

Other students also found interest in the unique lecture.

"It's interesting. There's always something new to learn," said senior Jen Chamberlain.

This was a common statement made by those who attended the event.

"I just think it's really good to have these conversations," said Peter Starzynsky, who attended the event with a friend. "It's a taboo subject, and it's great to have someone with Pedersen's expertise."

Pedersen said that sexuality is an oppressed issue in our culture.

"If we don't normalize healthy sexuality, unhealthy sexuality occurs," she said.

Pedersen explained how sex toys came about and how people are using them today.

"Women have more trouble coming to orgasm during penis-vagina intercourse (PVI) than men."

Fast Facts on Sex

- Some men can ejaculate up to 40 mph.
- Flavored condoms, if used for vaginal sex, can cause yeast infections.
- Never use a male and female condom at the same time, for the same reason you shouldn't use two male condoms at once.
- Ordinary saran wrap can be used as a dental dam.
- The word "dildo" is formed from the word "delight."

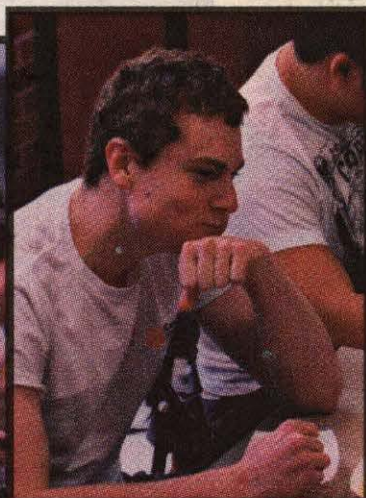
*Information according to "Safe Sex 101" speakers.

said Pedersen, noting one reason "toys" entered the bedroom.

Sex Fest's last event took place Thursday with an event titled "Talking Sex" which encouraged couples to talk about their sexual relationships with each other.

A "safe sex" table was also set outside of the UMD bookstore where students could make their own safe sex kit with different combinations of male and female condoms, dental dams, candy and pamphlets.

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Out Cold heats up

Out Cold started its week with a competitive chicken strip eating contest on Feb. 19 where freshman Matt Nolan came out victorious. (middle)

Junior Stacy Jorgenson looks upon fellow competitor, graduate student Niles Webster as he takes a break to have a sip of water. (left)

Freshman Sam Haney leaves with a full stomach and free lunch even though he didn't win. (right)

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Philosopher's corner

By Robbie Shipp
Statesman Staff Writer

Greetings and salutations, fellow lovers of wisdom! Welcome once again to the Philosopher's Corner, your source for challenging questions and brain-busters that have troubled men and women since the dawn of time.

Last column, I asked if God existed, could He/She make a stone that even He/She couldn't lift? It was a very tough question, and I received some very thoughtful responses. Unfortunately, I cannot include them all. However, I chose a couple responses that seemed to be representative of most other responses. You can view these in the scroll to the right.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to think and respond; without you, the column couldn't exist. So keep it up! It is not unappreciated. Now, let us move on to the topic of this week...

The ancient Greeks laid the foundation for western

philosophy. One of the most notable of these ancients was Zeno of Elea. Zeno was a student of another famous Greek, Parmenides. Zeno took much of what Parmenides claimed to heart, and he later became famous in his own right by defending Parmenides with a series of paradoxes designed to show that one can use reason to discover the many illusions of experience. I will only cover one of these paradoxes here, but if you wish to know more about Zeno or Parmenides, I suggest an online search.

Imagine walking across a room. In order to do this, one must first travel half the distance across the room. However, in order to do that, one must travel one-quarter of the distance across the room. One-eighth, one-sixteenth, and so on... there seems to be an infinite division of distances that one must travel in order to reach the other side of the room. But, says Zeno, it is not possible for a person to cover an infinite distance (by completing an

infinite amount of tasks) in a finite time. Therefore, says Zeno, motion itself does not exist—it is nothing more than an illusion of experience. So, what do you think?

Based on Zeno's argument, is motion an illusion?

If you choose to respond to me in an e-mail, please be sure to include your year at UMD and whether or not you wish to have your response in the next column. Now go! And think freely! For, as Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living."

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Responses from last column's question:

If God existed could He/She make a stone that even He/She couldn't lift?

"I can't really put my finger on an answer, but I think that God could make a stone that He/She couldn't lift, but probably wouldn't make it for that reason."

Sara Jensen
Junior

"I believe the only solution to this conundrum is a question itself. The question being: How does one define God (or a stone)? Perhaps we can only put our faith in agnosticism."

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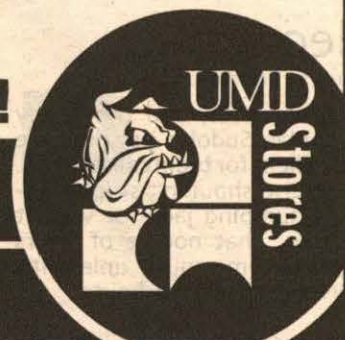
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February 20 - March 20

The world, or at least those who matter most to you, will think you have "hung the moon" due to your recent accomplishment. You don't have to be told to savor the moment. You've often dreamed of this kind of recognition.

aries

March 21 - April 20

This week features some of your most creative work to date. Possibly that art class or yoga instruction got you thinking in a different way. This week features some of your most creative work to date.

taurus

April 21 - May 21

Recent dreams have focused on the theme of rescue. You are performing a heroic act, coming to the aid of someone in distress. It's entirely likely that this is preparing you for a situation in which courage will be all-important.

gemini

May 22 - June 22

Communication is the key. When it is working smoothly, amicable feelings abound. When it is going haywire, confusion and irritation can result. Speak clearly and listen calmly for the biggest and best payoff.

cancer

June 23 - July 23

Creature comforts, and the lack thereof, will dictate your level of happiness this week. Pay particular attention to food preparation and restful sleep accommodations. These, especially, will elevate or depress your mood.

leo

July 24 - August 23

Crosswords, and the newly popular Sudoku puzzles, are excellent for brain calisthenics. Exercise shouldn't stop at sit-ups, jumping jacks or weight lifting. That noodle of yours will become mush unless it's given periodic workouts.

virgo

August 24 - September 23

Be modest in your dress, but less so in how you present yourself to the world. After all, in order to stand out from the crowd, others need to know your noteworthy assets. Sometimes actions alone are not enough - speak up!

libra

September 24 - October 23

It's often said you're only as old as you feel. Well, this week you're feeling like a teenager. That's terrific news where love is concerned. However, keep in mind that some of the dumbest decisions made are those we make in our teens.

scorpio

October 24 - November 22

Remember that you aren't permanently locked into a certain role just because loved ones have always seen you as such. If you're aching to make a change, go for it! People will adjust; your open-mindedness will become contagious.

sagittarius

November 23 - December 22

In teaching someone else a skill, you become more knowledgeable and proficient in it yourself, an unexpected dividend. Even deeper satisfaction will be yours after sharing your know-how with one or a whole host of others.

capricorn

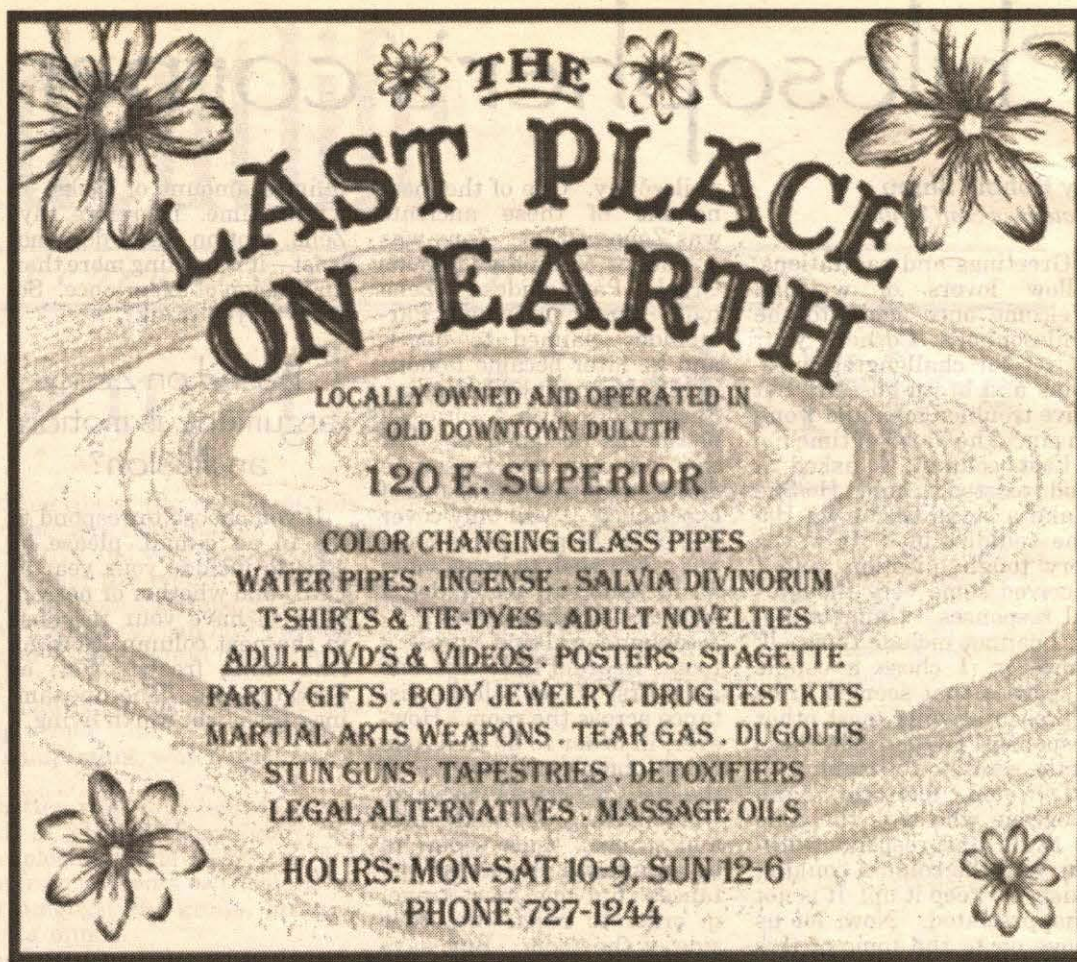
December 23 - January 19

Very soon, more will be revealed in the dark of night than in the light of day. Take note of any vivid dreams you have or any night visitors that interrupt your sleep. Wisdom is about to be offered, if only you will be receptive.

aquarius

January 20 - February 19

Outward appearances will be important as you either vie for a career opportunity or are introduced to a potential new friend. This means special care should be given to grooming and apparel. A clean cut, spit-and-polish look is best.



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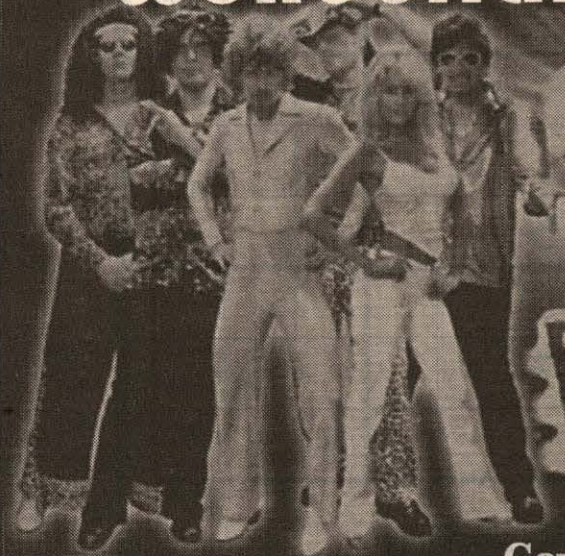
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Humor

I think my parents like me

They probably don't, but a boy can dream, can't he?

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

I've been alive for 21 years now, 22 if you're Pro-Life, and over all this time I've been gathering evidence, I think it's now safe to make this claim: I'm pretty sure my parents like me.

I know what you're thinking here, that no one likes me and that the only reasons my wife married me are my phat bank account, good looks and the breaks. I'm not even going to bother pointing out everything wrong with that argument because if you thought all those things, you've clearly never met me. But I can see it's going to take some convincing for you, dear reader, to believe that my parents like me, which is fine by me, *shit* this article has to be like 400-some words anyway, so here's the evidence.

1. They didn't give me up for adoption. This one may seem a bit obvious, but after they brought me home from the hospital, I pooped my pants. That was a little embarrassing, but even more embarrassing is the fact that I kept doing it for like two years. Amazingly they put up with it. How cool is that? To tell you the

truth, I would have given my pants-pooping self away.

2. They let my band practice at their house. You see, my parents and I have some similar tastes in music, and then we have some vastly different tastes in music. For instance, I dig Frank Sinatra and the Wallflowers as do my parents. However, I've yet to convince my parents that Nine Inch Nails and Marilyn Manson have some "good tunes." So when I started drumming for a band that played heavy metal, I was a bit surprised that they let us practice at their house and even complimented us a few times, especially after we were done learning our first song, which was probably the only one we played for a month or two.

3. This Valentine's Day, they got me a chocolate monkey. This all started with a TV show "Project Geeker," which I'm pretty sure no one remembers but me. The main character was always asking for a chocolate monkey, and so I imitated him and the search for a monkey made out of chocolate has gone on well over a decade. Recently my parents were shopping at Wal-Mart and spotted a milk chocolate zoo,

and inside this zoo, a chocolate monkey. Apparently my mom started jumping up and down in the middle of the aisle shouting, "A chocolate monkey! A chocolate monkey!" Now the sheer act of remembering the chocolate monkey phase is pretty cool, but acting like a complete lunatic at Wal-Mart, if that's not love, I don't know what is.

4. They got me a guitar for Christmas. This is love for me, or they don't like my wife and want her to suffer as I attempt to play "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" 1000 times, but it's close enough to love for me.

Side note to my parents, this will probably be more mushy than funny, so if you're not my parents you can stop reading now. Hey Mom and Dad, I hope you guys know this was all pretty sarcastic, and I know you two love me, but it's a humor page, so I had to limit the sentimental crap to a small part of the article. Or, to keep it on a humorous tone you two kick ass homies, word.

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TOPTEN

Reasons We Should Have Had President's Day Off From School

By Ted Norgaard
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10. My day would have been better off learning about the antics of eighth President Martin Van Buren.
9. Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, and I'm pretty sure that includes a Prez Day off clause.
8. Because my boy Teddy Roosevelt was the shit!
7. If we don't get President's Day off, they certainly won't give us other sweet holidays off such as Arbor Day and 4/20 (remember, you can smoke just don't inhale.)
6. Stupid Canada has stupid Prime Minister's Day off.
5. What other days do I get to wear my George Washington wig around?
4. If school was out, I could play Presidents and Assholes.
3. I could devote several hours to re-reading all the juicy details about the Monica Lewinsky scandal; she's hot!
2. I like days off. Doing stuff sucks...
1. We should all get a day off to reflect how much our current president means to us.

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Letters To People

By Stephen Jacobs
Statesman Staff Writer

Dear Burger King King,

I hope that writing to a fictional character doesn't make me too crazy. Of course, there are people suing the fictional character known as Borat. So I shouldn't worry too much, right?

Anyway, with that said, there's something I've always been meaning to ask you. Who do you think would win in a battle to the death, you or Ronald McDonald?

I personally think you would come out on top, but Ronnie might be a tough match. Everyone knows that clowns are natural born killers. Plus he looks like he might have some serious abs under that yellow jumpsuit.

You both look to be peak physical specimens as you obviously haven't relied on your respective establishment's food products for sustenance.

For the sake of argument, let's make it a little more interesting with a three way confrontation between Ronald, yourself and Subway's Jared. Of course Jared would be destroyed, so he'd have to be given some sort of handicap like a jet pack. Yeah, OK Jared would still eat it (meaning he'd lose not eat the jet pack—well maybe), but it'd make for a good show.

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LECTURES

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Answers

Sudoku #8

9	3	7	8	6	2	4	1	5
1	2	6	4	5	3	9	7	8
4	5	8	9	1	7	3	6	2
5	6	9	1	7	8	2	3	4
3	7	4	2	9	6	5	8	1
8	1	2	5	3	4	7	9	6
7	4	5	6	8	9	1	2	3
2	8	3	7	4	1	6	5	9
6	9	1	3	2	5	8	4	7

Answers

Sudoku Book 2 #1

3	6	4	2	7	5	1	8	9
1	5	2	4	8	9	7	3	6
7	9	8	6	3	1	2	4	5
2	3	7	5	4	6	8	9	1
9	8	5	1	2	7	4	6	3
6	4	1	3	9	8	5	2	7
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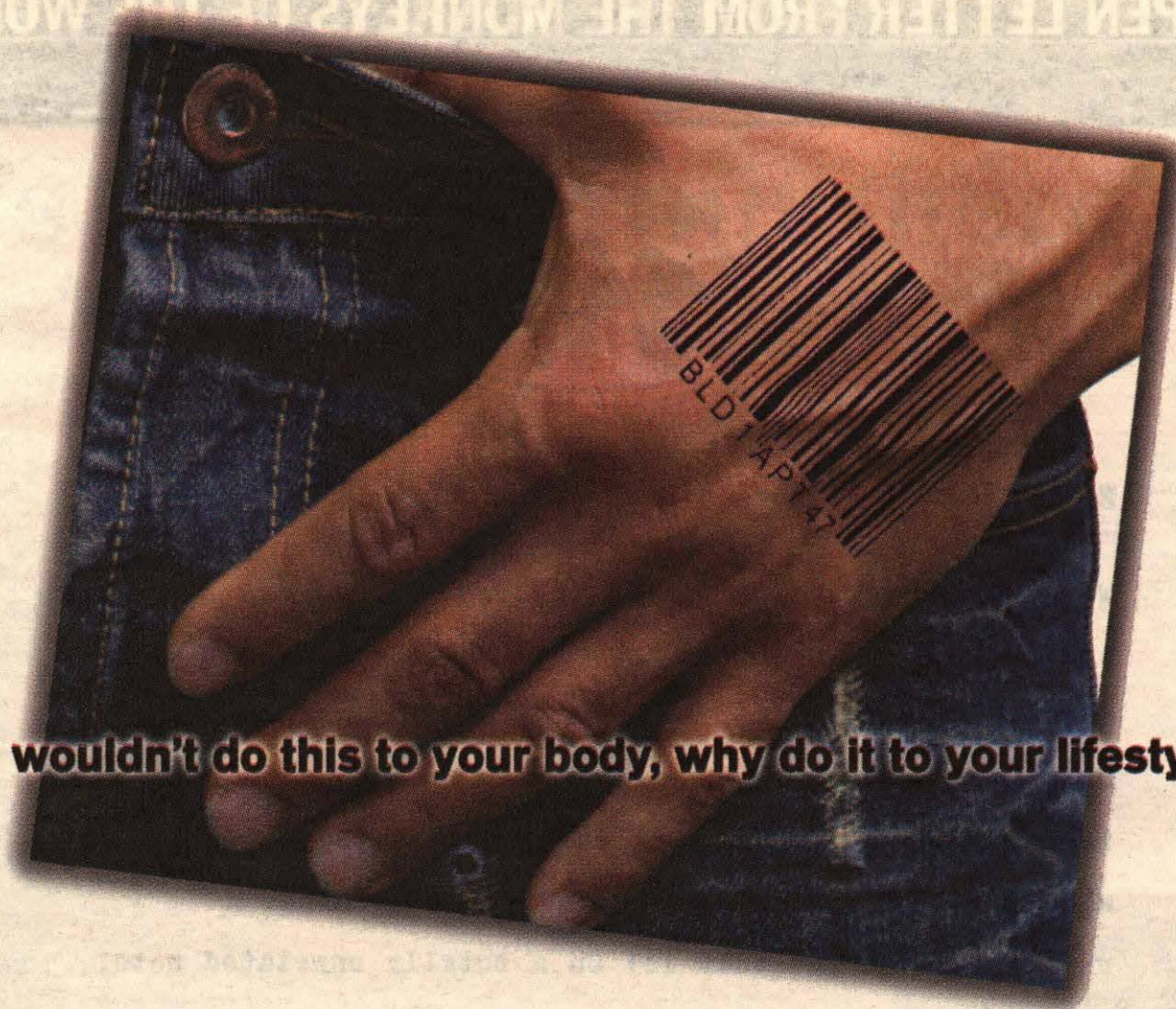
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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT MOST STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY'LL QUIT SMOKING AFTER COLLEGE CAN'T.



Outdoors

Thursday, February 22, 2007

There's no snow, but there's ice

By Eric Senst
Statesman Staff Reporter

It's a peculiar sight to peer out over Lake Superior and see literally hundreds of people enjoying the frozen sea. Most people would think you lost your mind if you told them you were about to venture out a half mile on the largest lake in North America in order to catch a fish. However, there is much more the frozen lake has to offer

Ross Pulkrabek poses with a hefty lake trout he caught on Lake Superior last weekend. An unusually smooth ice over has created perfect conditions for fishing and skating on the big lake.

besides the excellent fishing opportunities. Since the weekend, hordes of people have gathered around the Lester River and along the shores near I-35 to enjoy what the lake has to offer. The clear, glassy ice is perfect for ice skating, and most locals have been taking advantage of it. Through the weekend, groups of skaters were migrating up and down the shoreline while enjoying the unique skating experience. There has also been a few people kite skating and ice sailing, using the wind to pull them all over the lake.

The fishing action on the lake has also been hot. Cohos, loopers and lake trout are being taken in good numbers and sizes. Anglers reported catching loopers and cohos between 14 and 40 feet of water with small jigs tipped with wax worms. The lake trout are considerably deeper. Most people have been fishing between 80-120 feet with jigging spoons and buck-tail jigs tipped with shiners, smelt and herring.

If meandering that far out on

the black ice in attempts to snag into a slimy giant doesn't sound like your bag, then try simply walking on the shore and admiring the crystal blue ice formations poking high into the sky. However, the ice won't be around much longer; so if you haven't already, get out and enjoy it.

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Arctic like ice formations have formed recently along Lake Superior's frozen shores.



ERIC SENST/STATESMAN

Instead of slipping and sliding on it, climb it

By Dave Costello
Statesman Staff Reporter

Everyone has to deal with ice in Duluth.

Whether they slip on it in the parking lot or just have to scrape it in frustration from their windshields, people are forced to acknowledge the presence of ice for at least six months of the year.

There is a miniscule portion of the population though, that makes a point of seeking it out and climbing the slippery substance.

Ice climbing is an offshoot of mountain climbing and since there are no mountains in or anywhere around Duluth, it is a perfect option for the thrill seeking, mountain hearted North Shore citizen.

"I do it because I love it," said Mike Sterner, an avid ice climber and head of graphic design at Duluth Pack. "That and because there's no warm stuff to climb outside in the winter."

Climbing ice started in the early days of mountaineering when climbers began to encounter ice in the gulches and on the faces of their noticeable vertical objectives.

The techniques and the tools of the sport evolved with the difficulty of the routes attempted.

Climbing frozen waterfalls and shorter top-roping routes, which is what most of the ice climbing along the North Shore is, became popular with the introduction of the modern ice tool designed by Evon Chouinard in the early 1970s.

Unfortunately, ice climbing takes

time and money. It's not worth getting into unless a person is certain that they absolutely love it and want it to be a part of their life for many years to come.

The best way to see if you'll like ice climbing is to try rock climbing first. It develops your basic climbing skills in a warm and relatively cheap environment that allows for the optimal performance of your fine motor skills.

"Odds are if you like rock climbing, you'll probably like ice climbing," said sophomore Eric Faust, a first year ice climber.

After you've gotten the basic climbing skills down you should either take a few ice climbing classes through the UMD Recreational Sports Outdoors Program or go out with some experienced ice climbers that you've

become friends with through your rock climbing adventures.

Some people find that they would much rather be climbing warm, dry rock than hauling themselves up a giant wall of ice.

Ice climbing routes of varying difficulty and heights can be found all along the North Shore.

In Duluth, both Chester and Lester Park offer good beginning routes that are close to campus. Casket Quarry on the west end of Duluth (which has an alarming lack of ice this year) provides world class ice and mixed climbs that fit all ability levels.

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a banned substance under MLB's steroid testing policy.

Like Bonds, McGwire had a tremendous career as a MLB player. McGwire finished his career seventh on the all-time home run list with 583. McGwire hit 70 home runs in the 1998 season breaking Roger Maris' record of 61. McGwire won the Rookie of the Year award in 1987 while also leading the American League in home runs with 49, a single-season rookie record that still stands today.

The Hall of Fame has already proven that having great statistics does not guarantee anyone a place in Cooperstown. Pete "Charlie Hustle" Rose is the all-time hits leader with 4,256. He was named National League Rookie of the Year in 1963 and National League MVP in 1973 when he won the batting title for the third time. Rose was also named World Series MVP in 1975. Rose, during his 24 year career, was known for his great batting and put-it-all-on-the-line attitude.

However, his actions as Reds Manager in the eighties are what he will be remembered by. Rose voluntarily agreed to banishment from baseball and Cooperstown offered by commissioner Bart Giamatti in 1989 for betting on games. His faulty and inexcusable actions as a manager that violated one of baseball's cardinal rules has overshadowed his historic career as a player, leaving him out of the Hall of Fame.

Performance-enhancing drugs were not officially banned from baseball until 2002. Only after 2002, can we say that the use of performance-enhancing drugs is actual cheating.

In retrospect, the '90s will probably become known as the decade baseball was tarnished by the widespread use of performance enhancing drugs. People argue that by using steroids, Bonds gave himself an unfair advantage over his opponents. However, in this age of baseball that is allegedly stained by steroid use, how can we say that Bonds' opponents weren't using steroids as well? Of course, Bonds' numbers landed him ahead of most of his opponents, but that doesn't prove he was the only one.

Why do we target only Bonds, McGwire, Rafael Palmeiro and Sammy Sosa? Do we actually think that these are the only four players that supposedly used steroids? Since most professional baseball players' statistics are much lower than that of the previous four, are we to assume that they are clean? Players who had no way near the success that Bonds has had could have just as easily taken steroids without improving their skills. If we can't prove that Bonds did take steroids, how are we going to prove that the pitchers he belted homeruns off of weren't also cheating?

Aside from the Pete Rose scandal, the fact that McGwire wasn't voted in the first ballot shows that baseball fans and critics are subjecting players from this era to a different standard. If we are going to leave players like McGwire and Bonds out of the Hall of Fame without proof, we might as well consider all players in this "asterisk" era of baseball ineligible.

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Recent Hall of Fame Nominees

Tony Gwynn, who won eight batting titles, and Cal Ripken Jr., who played in a record 2,632 consecutive games, were elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Ripken received 98.5 percent of the vote, Gwynn 97.6 percent. Slugger McGwire was voted on 23.5 percent of the ballots cast, which didn't make the 75 percent cut to make it in the Hall of Fame.

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in many international tournaments so the expectations are there," said Tuominen. "I am not the greatest at scoring myself, so I try to find my linemates who are better at putting the puck in the net."

Not only has the offense been putting up numbers, but the defense and the goaltending has been spot on.

In their past four games, the Bulldogs have only given up three goals and much credit is due to the two walls in front of the net, senior Riitta Schaublin and freshman Kim Martin.

Schaublin and Martin have been a strong asset for the defense stopping the majority of the shots put on net. Schaublin has a .932 save percentage, while Martin is slightly higher with a .951 save percentage.

Their work in front of the net

has not gone unnoticed by their teammates.

"It is such an advantage for us because goaltending is an extremely important aspect of a winning team," said Koizumi. "Big saves will win big games, and our team is so confident in our goaltending."

Sales puts it more bluntly, "We never question our goaltending."

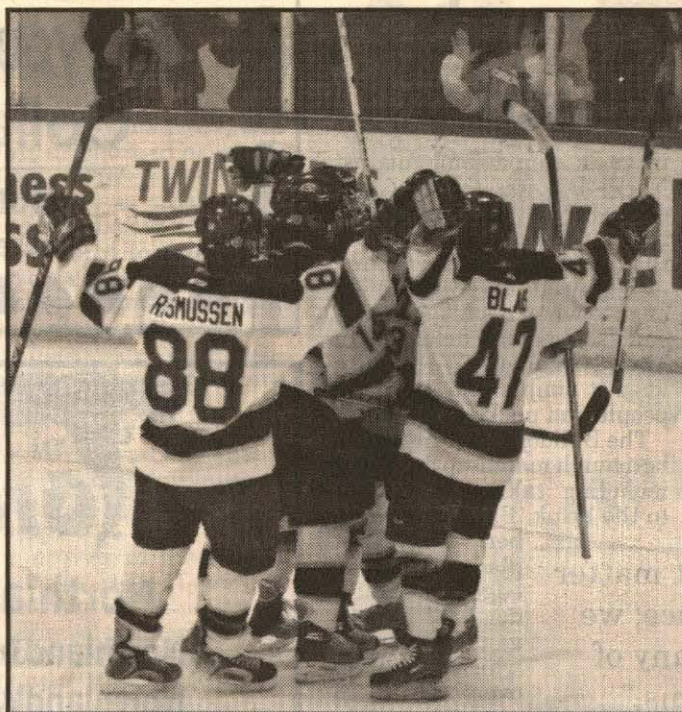
As the women take their confidence into the postseason, they are well aware of what it is like to look too far ahead and will try and focus on the now.

"We all just have to come together and take it one game at a time," said Sales. "We even need to take it one period at a time because these games are that important."

The first game of the best of three series begins on Friday at 7:07 p.m. at Mars-Lakeview Arena in Duluth.

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The Bulldogs surround Saara Tuominen after her goal on Saturday.

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"The first time I saw him play, I saw the epitome of a UMD player," said Holquist. "He's got so many intangibles. He can play in and out. He's got good size and strength, and he can play on the 3-point line and in the lane."

Bryan Foss was redshirted in his first season at UMD. Since then he has started every game.

"He is such a consistent and efficient player," said Holquist. "His confidence in himself brings about his leadership. Bryan is a great mix for the younger guys on the team."

Right now Foss is pouring in 18.1 points and grabbing 7.9 rebounds per game, good for third and second in the North Central Conference (NCC), respectively.

However, it is his maturity level that continues to lead the Bulldogs. After a rough January, where the team lost their first six conference games, Foss has led the Dogs to an undefeated February while beating some of the conference's best teams in Minnesota State and South Dakota. In that three-week period, Foss has won NCC Player of the Week award twice.

"When things are down, you have to become stronger mentally to get back on track," said Foss. "And that's what we are doing right now."

"If we need a basket, he'll knock a shot down or distribute the ball or get a rebound," said Holquist. "He knows the important things that wins games and that's the key."

Foss knows he is leading the NCC in double-doubles and acknowledges that it's "sweet," more importantly, he knows what it's going to take to get that home seed for the playoffs.

"When it all comes down to it, I just go out there and do whatever it takes to win the game," said Foss. "It's about how bad you want it and whether or not you're going to let someone else get the job done for you. Even though I don't show my emotions like (teammates) Matt Hockett, or even Matt Rawley, my heart and dedication to the game is high. I try to give it everything I have."

The Bulldogs have two more games until the NCC playoffs starting tonight at 8 p.m. against University of Nebraska-Omaha in the Romano Gymnasium.

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Men's hockey ready to enter home-stretch

By Jim Salmela
Statesman Staff Reporter

With the season winding down before the WCHA playoffs, the Bulldog men's hockey team finishes the regular season with a four-game home stand hoping to build momentum before the playoffs.

The Bulldogs (10-18-4, 6-15-3 in WCHA) play host to Alaska-Anchorage this weekend, then finish with Wisconsin before they go on the road for the playoffs. The Bulldogs are still confident that they can make a run.

"We can surprise a lot of people," said senior forward Bryan McGregor. "Any given night, any team can win. It doesn't matter who we face; we can beat any of these teams."

Last weekend, the Bulldogs came out of Grand Forks with one point added in the WCHA standings as they played to a 2-2 tie on Friday but lost 1-0 on Saturday against a red-hot North Dakota team that is currently on an 11-game unbeaten streak. Defense and goaltending was at a premium for both teams. The goaltending of Josh Johnson was a bright spot as he stopped 37 of the 40 shots he faced last weekend.

If the Bulldogs want to make a run, they will have to get more firepower from their offense, which is currently ninth in the WCHA

in goals scored (55). Against North Dakota, the Bulldogs only scored two goals in the series and were shut out for the fourth time this season.

"We need to create more offense when it's five-on-five," said sophomore defenseman Matt Niskanen. "We need to keep it simple and get more people and pucks to the net."

The Bulldogs have proven to be a tough match-up for teams including taking Minnesota to the brink. Back in November, the first place Gophers edged the Bulldogs 3-2 in both games one of which went to overtime. Both games could have gone either way.

"There are lots of games we should have won and games that could've gone either way," said McGregor. "Teams may underestimate us because of our record."

With struggling Alaska-Anchorage and sixth place Wisconsin coming to the DECC, this is an opportunity for the Bulldogs to strengthen their conference record and go into the playoffs on a high note.

Niskanen said these last four games at home could be very helpful before the post-season.

"It's a very good opportunity to jump in the standing and get on a roll in the playoffs," he said.

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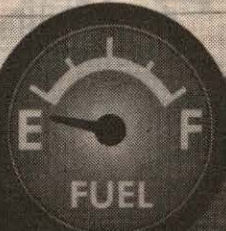
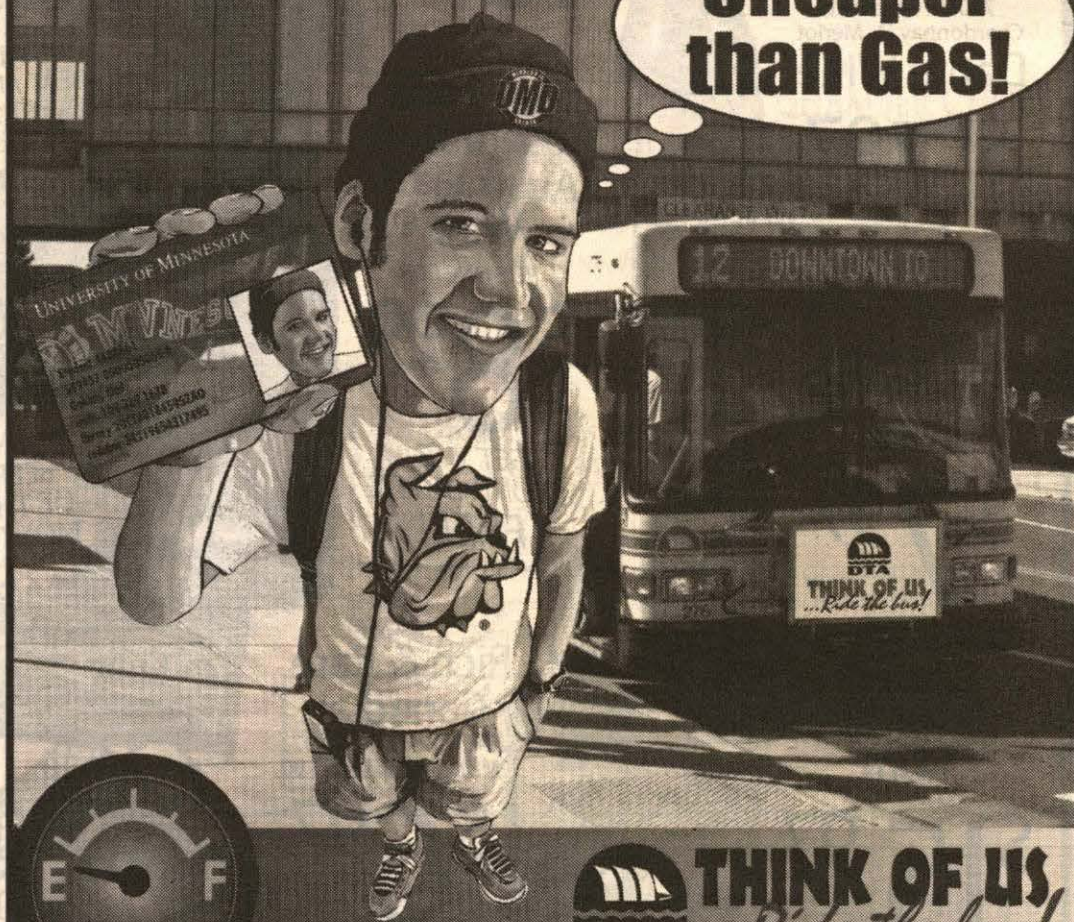
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Tee-time with Tajen

By Tajen Stockdale
Statesman Staff Reporter

• Bonds deserves enshrinement despite steroid controversy.

The 2007 baseball season is just around the corner and San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds will start the season just 21 home runs behind Hank Aaron, baseball's all-time home run king. His career is one surrounded by controversy and all eyes will be on Bonds as he vies for the most prestigious record in the baseball world.

This year also marked the first time that former St. Louis Cardinals and Oakland Athletics standout Mark McGwire was eligible to be selected to the Hall of Fame. With controversy over steroid use during his career having likely affected the decision of many voters, McGwire fell far short of making it to Cooperstown on his first ballot.

With the refusal of many to vote McGwire into the Hall, comes the question of whether or not Bonds deserves to be in Cooperstown. The answer is yes.

The steroids controversy has surrounded Bonds since 1999. However, there is yet to be any solid evidence that proves Bonds did in fact use steroids to improve his performance. The book "Game of Shadows,"

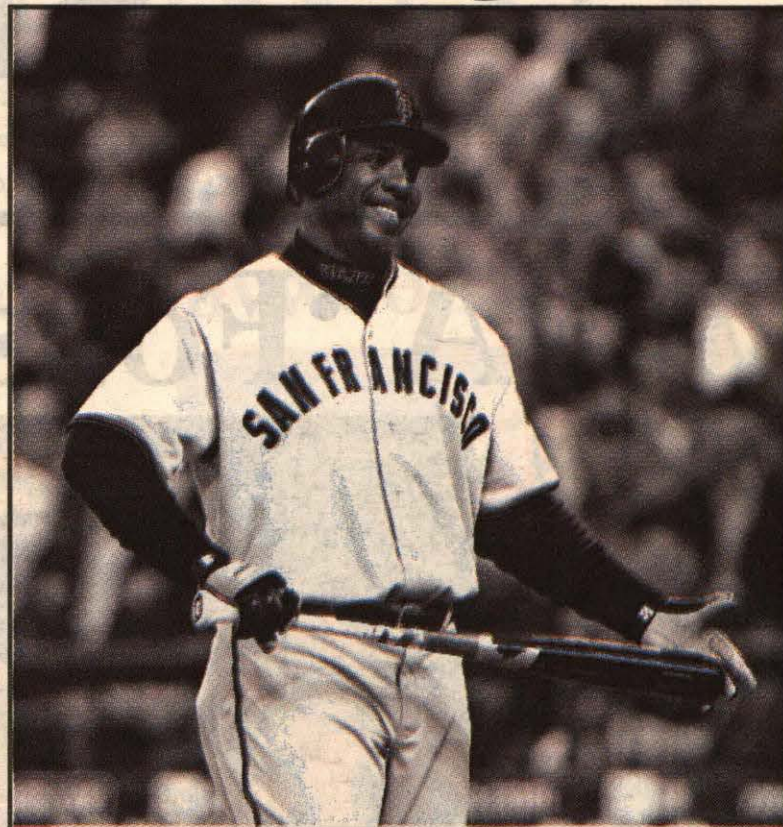
written by Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, documents drug use in baseball, most notably by Bonds. However, the facts have yet to be determined as proof of steroid use by Bonds. Until Bonds admits to steroid use, it will be hard to prove that Bonds did in fact use steroids.

Sure, it is not common for the human body to develop the shape and size that Bonds' body took as his career progressed, but it is possible. In America, you are innocent until proven guilty. Until there is proof, it would be wrong to presume Bonds is guilty. We can have our suspicions, because of Bonds' unwillingness to speak on the subject, but we cannot say, "it is a fact, he's guilty."

Unless Bonds is proven to have used steroids in his career, the issue of steroids should not have bearing on his entry to the Hall of Fame. Bonds is currently second on the all-time home run list with 734 and will likely pass Hank Aaron this year. Throughout his career, Bonds has averaged about one home run every four games. Bonds was named the National League's MVP every year through 1990 to 1992 and 2001 to 2004.

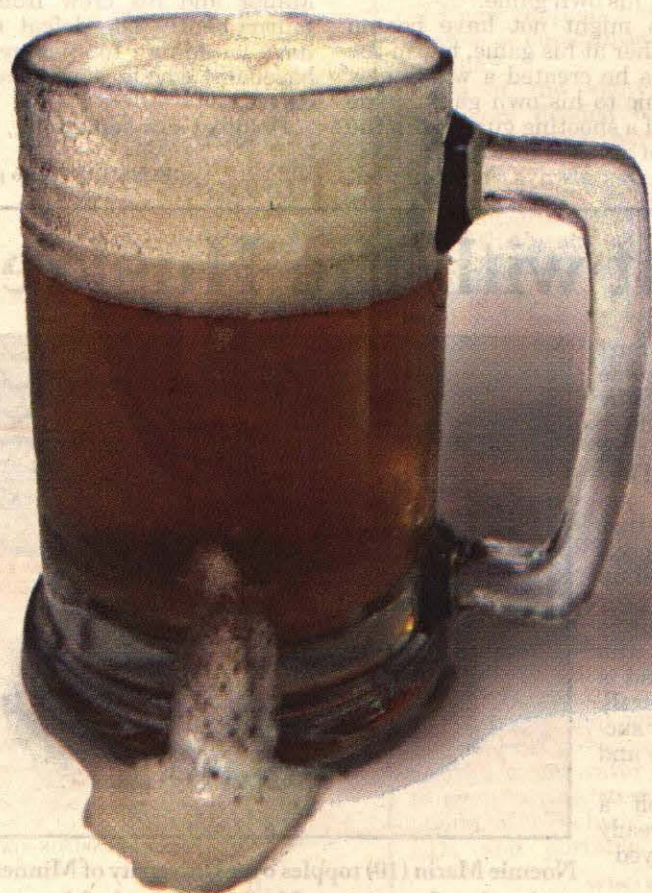
Bonds' seven MVP awards are more than any other player in Major League Baseball history. Throw in eight gold gloves, two batting championships and the all time single season home run record (73) in 2001, among numerous other records, and you have the recipe for a Hall of Fame

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Barry Bonds signed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract on Feb. 17. The slugger was scheduled to report to spring training last Monday.



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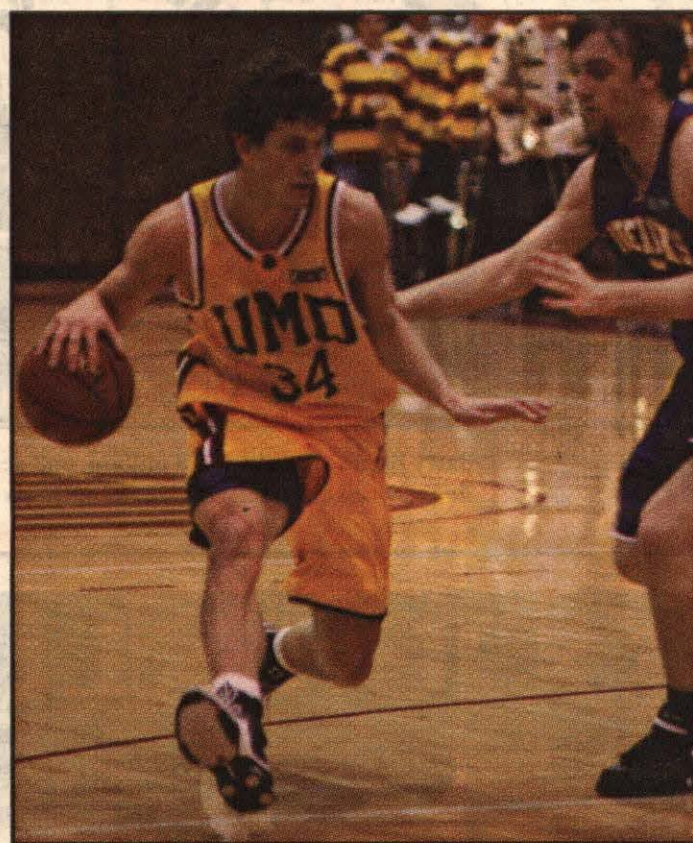
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Above: Bryan Foss (34) pulls up for a layup against the Minnesota State-Mankato Mavericks on Feb. 1. Foss tallied up 21 points and 12 rebounds. **Right:** Foss works his way towards the basket against the Mavericks. Two days after UMD defeated the Mavs, Foss led the Bulldogs to another conference win over Augustana. In the matchup Foss scored 22 points and had nine boards earning him NCC player of the week.



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A 'Foss'tastic season

By Pete Carpenter
Statesman Staff Reporter

Bryan Foss is the kind of player who doesn't show much emotion on the court but is the consummate team player. In fact, you could say he's a lot like Charles Barkley without the bark.

In the beginning, there was basketball. Foss' dad, Robert Foss, played college ball at the University of Minnesota-Morris where he is the seventh all-time leading scorer and second all-time rebounder. After college, Bob Foss went to play professional basketball in Sweden, leading the country in scoring twice. Bryan wanted to emulate his father and started playing basketball when he was eight years old.

"My dad had a big influence on me," said senior forward Bryan Foss. "I always wanted to beat him at his own game."

Foss might not have beaten his father at his game, but in the process he created a whole new dynamic to his own game: The tools of a shooting guard with the stats of a power forward.

"He was always very competi-

tive," said Bob Foss, who said he was hard on his son's game growing up. "He listened well, and he learned well. Bryan always played with a mind to be like me, but he is his own person. He has a whole different game; I give him credit for that."

Bryan Foss had an outstanding prep career at Osseo Senior High School. His senior season was capped off with a state championship over Duluth East and eventual Minnesota Timberwolves' draft pick Rick Rickert. But, it was during his junior year that Bob and UMD head coach Gary Holquist both knew Bryan had what it takes to play ball at a higher level.

In the semi-final round of the state tournament, Bryan Foss lit it up against powerhouse Cretin-Derham Hall High School. He went 11-14 from the field and eliminated all-state guard Joe Mauer and his crew from the tournament. The defeat might have led Mauer to sticking with baseball, which wasn't a bad choice.

Holquist saw something, too.

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Bulldogs prepare for a dogfight with the Huskies

By Jud Turk
Statesman Staff Reporter

Ending their season on a four-game win streak the women's hockey team is on a roll as they enter the first round of playoffs in the WCHA this weekend.

In the first round, the Bulldogs are taking on the St. Cloud State Huskies (SCSU), a team that has not beat the Bulldogs yet this year. In their past four meetings the Bulldogs have outscored the Huskies 13-2.

Senior defenseman Jill Sales said that it's hard to forget what happened in their past run-ins with SCSU, but things can change once playoffs come along.

"In the WCHA anything can happen," said Sales. "I think we

will remember what happened in those past games, but what we need to worry about is what's ahead."

Part of the reason the team is doing so well at the end of the season is because players are coming off of injuries that plagued them earlier in the year.

An important piece of the Bulldog puzzle that was missing for two weeks was senior left wing Jessica Koizumi. She has recently suited back up and is making a difference.

"This was by far the hardest injury that I have had to face in my four years here," said Koizumi. "I am just grateful that I came back so soon and am able to help my team towards our national championship aspirations."

The injuries, that have hurt some of the starters, have become a sort of diamond in the rough by allowing others to get ice time.

"It was hard at the beginning of the season because we had key spots that we needed to fill," said Sales. "We soon found out that we had more depth than expected and everyone just stepped up their game."

One such player to step up is freshman Saara Tuominen who leads the team in assists and is ranked third in points overall. Tuominen claims that her success comes from experience and the help of her line.

"I don't consider myself a freshman because I am already 21 years old, and I have played



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Noemie Marin (10) topples over University of Minnesota's goaltender after scoring. Marin's 20th goal of the season.

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